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## APA-style Citation Guide

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This 'quick-guide' provides examples of how to cite commonly-used materials in APA-style. It provides in-text and reference list citation formats. For more information about writing and citation of other materials, refer to the ***Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2010)***. The ***Publication Manual*** is available at Axinn Library Reference Desk, Call Number Z253 P83 2010

In addition, there are a number of good webguides to APA-style, one of which is *APA-Style Essentials* at Vanguard University

### ORANGE TEXT IN BOXES TELL YOU WHAT TO DO THE REST ARE EXAMPLES OF CITATIONS

(go to Google and enter "APA-Style Essentials" in search box)

#### Some general notes –

- ***Second and subsequent lines of citation are indented***
- ***Titles of books and journals (MAJOR elements) are italicized; titles of chapters and articles (MINOR elements) are not***
- ***Only first letter of title, first letter after colon, and proper nouns are capitalized for articles, chapters, and books.***
- ***JOURNAL TITLES are different – all major words are capitalized***
- ***AUTHORS - only first and middle initials***
- ***Ampersands (&) and "and" – ampersand with authors in reference list and in-text parentheses; "and" in text***

(information and some samples abstracted and adapted from the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 2010)

## **Book – one author**

### **Reference List**

McInnis, R. G. (1982). *Research guide for psychology*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

### **In-text citation**

(McInnis, 1982) -- or -- McInnis (1982) found ...

## **Book – two authors**

### **Reference List**

Vogler, R. E., & Bartz, W. R. (1982). *The better way to drink: Moderation and control of problem drinking*. Oakland, CA: Simon & Schuster.

### **In-text citation**

(Vogler & Bartz, 1982) -- or -- Vogler and Bartz (1982) found...

## **Book – more than two authors**

### **Reference List**

Smith, L., Jones, K. C., & Ely, L. (2002). *The importance of knowledge of APA-style citation style*. New York: Ideas Press.

### **In-text citation**

(Smith, Jones, & Ely, 2002) – or -- Smith, Jones, and Ely (2002) found...

*after first cite, use* (Smith, et al., 2002) – or – Smith, et al. (2002)...

**Author names are treated the same regardless of material type.  
For edited works, use (Ed.) or (Eds.) as appropriate.**

## **Edited Book**

### **Reference List**

Gibbs, J. T., & Huang, L. N. (Eds.). (1982). *Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority youth*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

## **Book – no author or editor**

### **Reference List**

*Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.). (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

### **In-text citation (treat first several words of title as the author)**

(Merriam-Webster, 1993) -- or -- Merriam-Webster (1993) defines ...

## Book Chapter

### Reference List

O'Neil, J. M., & Egan, J. (1992). Men's and women's gender role journeys: Metaphor for healing, transition, and transformation. In B. R. Wainrib (Ed.), *Gender issues across the life cycle* (pp. 107-123). New York: Springer.

### In-text citation

(O'Neil & Egan, 1992) -- or -- O'Neil and Egan (1992) stated...

**When citing a chapter from a book where the author of the chapter and the author of the book are the same, enter the author's name at the beginning of the citation only. Follow the above format, but do not insert author's name a second time.**

**Authors of chapters are treated the same as authors of books. Note that the editor's name(s) are NOT 'last name first' - the chapter author is cited in the text and reference list as it is the *chapter* that is of interest. Use (Ed.) or (Eds.) as appropriate.**

**Entries in dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks are treated like book chapters.**

## Journal Article

### Reference List

*Author(s) same as all author(s).* (2005). Preferred number of sexual partners: Tails of distributions and tales of mating systems. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, 26(3), 271-278.

## Popular Magazine Article

### Reference List

*Author(s) same as all authors.* (1990, April 9). Beyond the melting pot. *Time*, 135, 28-31.

## Newspaper Article

### Reference List

*Author(s) same as all authors.* (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

**Notice that dates are treated differently for popular magazine and newspaper articles than for books and journal articles. This is because users often ask for these materials by a specific date.**

**In-text citation is the same for books, book chapters and articles.**

## **Electronic Resources**

*Due to the variety of electronic items that can be cited, including articles, books, dissertations, curriculum materials, raw data, gray literature, powerpoint presentations, podcasts, weblog posts, videos, etc., there isn't enough space to cover citation of these items in this guide.*

*Rules for citing electronic versions of the commonly cited materials covered in this guide can be found on pp. 187-192 of the APA Manual found at the Reference Desk.*

*Another excellent source for citing electronic information sources is the APA Style Blog, located at <http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/electronic-references/>*

## **Government Documents**

*Because government documents vary so much in form and substance, the site or document from which they are accessed usually advise on the correct citation at the bottom of the document.*

*You can modify this information to fit within APA; for example, if they list the date last, move the date into the proper APA position.*

*Questions? Comments?*

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