



## APA Guide to Bibliographic Format

### In-text citations

When citing materials using the APA style, use the author-date method of citation. In this method, the last name of the author and the year of publication are inserted in the text at the appropriate point, with one or both in parentheses. If the name of the author appears as part of the sentence, only the year of publication is cited in parentheses. Otherwise, place both the name and the year, separated by a comma, in parentheses. For example:

Medintz (2006) discusses possible pitfalls of using MySpace, an online social network.

In a recent article about weblogs, the author discusses the formation of a blogging community (Hartelius, 2005).

Other points to remember about in-text citations:

- When a work has two authors, always cite both names every time the reference occurs in the text.
- When a work has three, four, or five authors, cite all authors the first time the reference occurs; in the subsequent citations, include only the last name of the first author, followed by *et al.* [not italicized, and with a period after “al”].
- When a work has six or more authors, cite only the first author, followed by *et al.* and the year. (In the reference list, however, provide the initials and last names of each author, up to and including six authors.)

### Works Cited Page

The examples provided below are for the most common types of citations. For other examples, please consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (found in the library on permanent reserve and in the reference area), or ask a librarian for assistance.

#### **Books**

##### **Reference to an entire book:**

Morrison, F. J., Backman, H. J., & Connor, C. M. (2005). *Improving literacy in America: Guidelines from research*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

##### **Later edition of a book:**

Crews, K. D. (2006). *Copyright law for librarians and educators: Creative strategies and practical solutions*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Chicago: American Library Association.

##### **Entry in an encyclopedia:**

Wasserman, D. & Bickenbach, J. E. (2006). Justice. In *Encyclopedia of disability* (Vol. 3, pp.998-1008). London: Sage Publications.

##### **Encyclopedia or dictionary:**

Mattar, P. (Ed.). (2004). *Encyclopedia of the modern Middle East and North Africa*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Vols. 1-4). Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.

##### **Article or chapter in an edited book:**

Scott, K. A. (2003). Case study: African-American girls and their families. In L. A. Daniels (Ed.), *The state of Black America, 2003* (pp. 181-195). Washington, D.C.: National Urban League.

Based on: *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). (2001). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

## **Periodicals**

### **Journal article, paginated by issue:**

England, P. (2005). Gender inequality in labor markets: The role of motherhood in segregation. *Social Politics*, 12(2), 264-288.

### **Journal article, two authors, paginated by volume:**

Ogle, J. M. & Ramakrishnan, V. (2005). Structural insights into translational fidelity. *Annual Review of Biochemistry*, 74, 129-177.

### **Journal article, more than six authors:**

Knight, T. M., Sheets, J. A., Vamosi, J. C., Mazer, S. J., Burd, M., Campbell, D. R., et al. (2005). Pollen limitation of plant reproduction: Pattern and process. *Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics*, 36, 467-497.

### **Magazine article:**

Deluga, G. A. (2004, February 13). Renewable hydrogen from ethanol by autothermal reforming. *Science*, 303, 993-997.

### **Daily newspaper article:**

Hansen, Mark. (2006, March 28). 3 days at Wal-Mart, 15 minutes of fame. *The Des Moines Register*, p. A1.

### **Newspaper article, no author:**

Making housing affordable. (2006, March 14). *The Iowa City Press-Citizen*, p. A13.

### **Book Review:**

White, M. (2004). Book review: A social history of hobo workers [Review of the book *Indispensable outcasts: Hobo workers and community in the American midwest, 1880-1930*]. *Industrial Worker*, 101(10), 8.

### **ERIC document:**

Kutner, M., Greenberg, E., & Baer, J. (2006). *A first look at the literacy of America's adults in the 21<sup>st</sup> century* (Report No. NCES 2006-470). Washington, D.C.: National Center for Education Statistics. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED489066)

## **Electronic Media**

### **Electronic copy of journal article, retrieved from database (such as an EBSCOHost database):**

Hartelius, E. J. (2005). A content-based taxonomy of blogs and the formation of a virtual community. *Kaleidoscope: A Graduate Journal of Qualitative Communication Research*, 4, 71-91. Retrieved March 29, 2006, from Communication and Mass Media Complete database.

### **Article in an Internet-only journal:**

Oba, M. (1999). Japanese artists in New York between the world wars: A new chapter in American art. *Part*, 4. Retrieved March 29, 2006, from <http://brickhaus.com/amoore/magazine/oba.html>

### **Non-periodical document on the Internet:**

The Library of Congress, American Memory Project. (2001). *Born in slavery: Slave narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938*. Retrieved March 29, 2006, from <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>

Based on: *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). (2001). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.