



APA CITATION GUIDE

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- Remember to read your assignment sheet carefully and check with your professor for specific requirements for each assignment.

The American Psychological Association (APA) uses **(Author, Date)** citation style. The following tips apply to many different types of citations in this style:

- Formatting is important in APA, so be sure to pay close **attention** to how *italics*, parentheses, and punctuation are being used in this guide.
- There are specific rules for citing sources with **multiple authors**. Find these rules in the **APA Manual**, pp. 174-177 and **OWL Purdue**, search "[in-text citation authors](#)"
- For online resources, include a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) if given. If not include the URL and the phrase "Retrieved from."
- Direct quotes (included in your essay inside quotation marks) should cite the p. number of the book or article where you found the phrase. For phrases quoted from websites use paragraph numbers or other identifiers. For more information on this see **APA Manual**, pp. 171-172 or go to the **APA Blog** and search "[page numbers](#)"
- If you have a resource that you are not sure about how to cite, follow these basic guidelines: go to the **APA Blog** and search "[generic reference](#)."

SOURCE MATERIAL TYPE	EXAMPLE REFERENCE ENTRY	IN-TEXT CITATION	PARENTHETICAL CITATION	FOR MORE INFO
Blog post	Fogerty, M. (2010, July 22). Active voice versus passive voice [Blog post]. Retrieved from http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/education/grammar/active-voice-versus-passive-voice	In her blog, Fogerty (2010) states...	(Fogerty, 2010).	APA Blog , search " blog post " APA Manual , p. 215
Book (electronic version) *See Chapter within a Book	Browne, M., & Keeley, S. M. (2015). <i>Asking the right questions</i> (11 th ed.). [DX reader Version]. Retrieved from: https://www.amazon.com/Asking-Right-Questions-Critical-Thinking-ebook/dp/B00HNZ4KSI	Browne and Keeley (2015) explain...	(Browne & Keeley, 2015, p. 64).	APA Blog , search " e-book " APA Manual , p. 203
Book (print) *See Chapter within a Book	Canda, E. R., & Furman, L. D. (2009). <i>The heart of helping</i> (2 nd ed.). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.	Canda and Furman (2009) claim...	(Canda & Furman, 2009).	APA Blog , search " books and book chapters " APA Manual , pp. 202-203

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Chapter within a Book	<p>Dags, J. B., Morris, J. T., & Verick, M. T. (2012). Humanity from theoretical perspectives. In J. Maxwell & C. Jones (Eds.), <i>Theoretical perspectives</i> (pp. 20-42). Seattle, WA: Happy Publishing.</p> <p>Ed. = editor Eds. = editors</p>	<p>1st Citation: Dags, Morris, and Verick (2012) believe...</p> <p>2nd Citation: Dags et al. (2012) believe...</p> <p>For an explanation and demonstration of first citation and subsequent citations, see APA Manual, p. 177</p>	<p>1st Citation: (Dags, Morris, & Verick, 2012)</p> <p>2nd Citation: (Dags et al., 2012)</p>	<p>APA Blog, search "books and book chapters" APA Manual, pp. 202-204</p>
Code or Statute	<p>Federal Code <i>Specified Act:</i> National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 § 102, 42 U.S.C. § 4332 (2000). <i>Unspecified Act:</i> 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (2000)</p> <p>Revised Code of Washington (RCW) <i>Specified Act:</i> Residential Landlord-Tenant Act (RCW 59.18) <i>Unspecified Act:</i> Wash. Rev. Code § Section Number (Year)</p> <p>A code is a compilation of statutes (or acts) and when citing this type of source, you can either specify the name of the statute (or act) or leave it unspecified (unnamed).</p>	<p>Federal Code Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 42 U.S.C. § 1982 title 59 illustrates...</p> <p>RCW Section 18 of the Revised Code of Washington states...</p>	<p>USE IN-TEXT CITATION FORMAT when citing a code or statute.</p>	<p>APA Blog, search "federal statutes" APA Manual, pp. 220-221 The Bluebook, pp. 14-15 & 101-113</p>
Data (published from a personal or public study)	<p>Jackson, J. (2006). <i>The cultural divide: A survey of university students</i> [Data file and code book]. Retrieved from http://happystudentdata.org</p>	<p>Jackson (2006) found that...</p>	<p>(Jackson, 2006).</p>	<p>APA Blog, search "Data set" APA Manual, p. 211</p>
Data (unpublished from a personal or public study)	<p>Boggs, J. T., & Dexter, L. (2005). [Surveying university students]. Unpublished raw data.</p>	<p>Boggs and Dexter (2005) measured...</p>	<p>(Boggs & Dexter, 2005).</p>	<p>APA Blog, search "unpublished APA" APA Manual, pp. 211-212</p>
Journal Article (with DOI, preferred format)	<p>Hage, S. M. (2006). The role of spirituality in psychology training programs. <i>Professional Psychology: Research and Practice</i>, 37(3), 303-310. doi: 10.1037/07357028.37.3.303</p>	<p>In his article, Hage (2006) contends that...</p>	<p>(Hage, 2006).</p>	<p>OWL Purdue, search "journal article" APA Manual, p. 198</p>

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Journal Article (without DOI)	Hage, H. M., Hopson, A., Siegel, M., Payton, G., & DeFanti, E. (2006). Multicultural training in spirituality. <i>The American Counseling Association: Counseling and Values</i> , 50, 217-234. Retrieved from http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/j.2161-007X.2006.tb00058.x/epdf Some journals don't use issue number, so if your source does not have an issue number, do not include on in your reference entry.	FIRST CITE: Hage, Hopson, Siegel, Payton, and DeFanti (2006) report that... SECOND CITE: Hage et al. state...	FIRST CITE: (Hage, Hopson, Siegel, Payton, & DeFanti, 2006). SECOND CITE: (Hage et al., 2006).	OWL Purdue , search " journal article " APA Manual , p. 199
Lecture *See also Personal Communication	Roberts, K. F. (1998). <i>Federal regulations of chemicals in the environment</i> [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from http://siri.uvm.edu/ppt/40hrenv/index	Roberts (1998) explained...	(Roberts, 1998).	APA Blog , search " lecture "
Magazine Article	Henry, W.A., & Mehta, N. S. (1990, April 9). Beyond the melting pot. <i>Time</i> , 135, 28-31.	Henry and Mehta (1990) reacted by...	(Henry & Mehta, 1990).	OWL Purdue , search " magazine " APA Manual , p. 200
Movie (Video)	Wilder, B. (Director) & Chandler, R. (Writer). (1944). <i>Double Indemnity</i> [Motion Picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures.	In <i>Double Indemnity</i> Wilder and Chandler (1944) suggest...	(Wilder & Chandler, 1944).	OWL Purdue , search " motion picture " APA Manual , p. 209-210
Movie (YouTube)	Oliver, J. [LastWeekTonight]. (2016, March 27). <i>Last week tonight with John Oliver: Conspiracies (web exclusive)</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNS4lecOaAc	Oliver (2016) exemplified...	(Oliver, 2016).	APA Blog , search " YouTube "
Music (musician or band recording) *See Movie (YouTube)	Sleater-Kinney. (1999). Get up. On <i>The Hot Rock</i> [CD]. Seattle, WA: Kill Rock Stars.	Sleater-Kinney's (1999) lyrics suggest...	(Sleater-Kinney, 1999, track 8).	APA Blog , search " Music " APA Manual , p. 209-210
Newspaper Article (with author)	Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. <i>Washington Post</i> , pp. A1, A4.	Schwartz (1993) reports...	(Schwartz, 1993).	APA Blog , search " newspaper article " APA Manual , p. 200
Newspaper Article (without author)	All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue. (2010, October 13). <i>MSNBC</i> . Retrieved from http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39625809/ns/world_news-americas	From "All 33 Chile miners" (2010), we learn...	("All 33 Chile miners," 2010).	APA Blog , search " no author " APA Manual , p. 200

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Personal Communication (unrecorded interviews or conversations, email messages, private letters, etc.) * See also Lecture .	THIS SOURCE IS NOT LISTED ON REFERENCES PAGE Because personal communications are not archived and cannot be retrieved for reference by your readers, they are not listed on the References page.	According to Lutes (personal communication, April 18, 2001), ...	(T.K. Lutes, personal communication, April 18, 2001).	APA Blog , search " personal communication reference list " APA Manual , p. 179
Podcast (Video or audio)	Glass, I. (2016, June 17). 589: Tell me I'm fat. <i>This American life</i> [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/589/tell-me-im-fat	Glass (2016) reported...	(Glass, 2016).	APA Blog , search " podcast " APA Manual , p. 210
Reference Entry (without author or editor)	Grammar. (n.d.). In <i>Merriam-Webster's online dictionary</i> (11 th ed.). Retrieved from http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/grammar (n.d. = no date; use this only as last resort)	"Grammar" (n.d.) is defined as...	("Grammar," n.d.).	OWL Purdue , search " encyclopedia " APA Manual , p. 204-205
Report (e.g., Technical Report or Task Force Report)	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. (2003). <i>Managing asthma: A guide for schools</i> (NIH Publication No. 02-2650). Retrieved from http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth_sch.pdf	In its report on asthma, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2003) suggests...	(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2003).	OWL Purdue , search " government document " APA Manual , pp. 205-206
Website (Corporate/Government)	Washington State Department of Health. (n.d.). Zika Virus. Retrieved from http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/ZikaVirus The title of a single webpage is not italicized. However, the title of a stand-alone work retrieved from a webpage, e.g. a PDF, is italicized. (See also Report).	(Washington State Department of Health, n.d.)	(Washington State Department of Health, n.d.).	APA Blog , search " website "
Website (General-no specific author)	Education Endowment Foundation. (n.d.) Teaching & Learning Toolkit. Retrieved from https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit	The Education Endowment Foundation (n.d.) suggests...	(Education Endowment Foundation, n.d.).	APA Blog , search " website "
Website (General-specific author)	Rankine, C. (2016). Claudia Rankine. Retrieved from http://claudiarankine.com For more information on citing a website that doesn't fit any of the the examples above, go to the APA blog and search " website PDF ."	Rankine (2016) highlights...	(Rankine, 2016).	APA Blog , search " website "