

## SAMPLE

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For further help formatting citations, check these additional resources.

<http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial.aspx>

On this online tutorial, you will learn the basics of APA style.

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/apa\\_style/apa\\_style\\_introduction.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_style_introduction.html)

On this online guide, you can access APA guidelines for citing a wide variety of materials.

### Refworks

This service is available to students free of charge through York College's subscription. You first create an account while on campus at [www.refworks.com](http://www.refworks.com). Thereafter, you can access the resource from home. You can import reference directly into your own database from a variety of online databases, or you can manually enter reference information into your RefWorks database. RefWorks will create a bibliography in APA style for you from your database. Using the companion utility Write-N-Cite, you can also use your RefWorks database to easily insert references into the body of your paper.

To begin using RefWorks, log on to [www.refworks.com](http://www.refworks.com) while on campus, go to "Login," and follow the links to create an account. Then, follow the three "Getting Started" steps on the web page, or view the "Quick Start Guide," or view the online tutorial.

# A SHORT GUIDE TO APA STYLE

*Based on the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition  
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The method of citation most commonly used by social scientists, APA style generally uses in-text citation, and includes the author's name and frequently the page number where the information can be found.

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You need a citation when:

You borrow someone else's writing.

You borrow someone else's ideas.

You present information that isn't common knowledge.



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## FORMATTING CITATIONS

APA style, generally uses in-text citation, and includes the author's name and frequently the page number where the information can be found:

**From the beginning, the AIDS antibody test has been “mired in controversy” (Bayer, 1989, p.101).**

Notice that, when using APA style, you must provide the author's name, the year the source was published and the page number. This example is a direct quotation and therefore includes the page number.

**Bayer (1989) reported that there are many precedents for the reporting of AIDS cases that do not violate privacy.**

If you've already mentioned the author's name in the sentence, you can omit it in the citation, as in this example. In the APA style you have to provide page numbers only for quotes. If you do not refer to a specific page, you should cite only the date in parentheses after the author's name, as in this example.

**Citation Variations**

Source	Citation
<b>Book by 1 Author</b>	(Adams, 1996, p.123)
<b>2 Authors</b>	(Brown & Ashton, 2003, p.345)
<b>3-5 Authors</b>	(Cook, Dillon, Poe, & Barr, 1992)
<b>6+ Authors</b>	(Downey et al., 1986)
<b>No Author</b>	(“Extra Short Title,” 2000)

<b>Newspaper/Magazine</b>	(Franklin, 1973)
<b>Journal Article</b>	(Gardiner, 2000)
<b>Website</b>	(Immerman, 2003)
<b>Part of a website</b>	(Jackson, 2004)
<b>Article in a Database</b>	(Kramer, 2002)

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### DIFFERENT TYPES OF SOURCES

*The APA Publication Manual* contains several examples of different reference types. Below are a few examples to consult:

#### Single Author Book:

Poirrier, G. (1997). *Writing-to-learn*. New York: NLN Press.

Citation: (Poirrier, 1997)

#### 6+ authors Book:

Kernis, M. H., Cornell, D. P., Sun, C. R., Berry, A., Harlow, T., & Bach, J. S. (1993). *Self-esteem issues*. New York: NLN Press.

Citation: (Kernis, et.al., 1993)

#### Books Chapter/Article in an edited book:

Fishman, S. (1997). The early years of American medicine: 1608-1850. IN H.L. Roediger & J. Jones (Eds.), *American medicine* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 14-89). Washington, DC: American Press.

Citation: (Fishman 1997)

### Online Journal articles

The citation of journal articles depends on whether there is a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) available. A DOI is a permanent ID that, when appended to <http://dx.doi.org/> in the address bar of an Internet browser, will lead to the source. If a journal article does not have an assigned DOI, you will still need to provide the journal's website address.

#### DOI:

Shanks, S. (2002). The effects of excessive caffeine consumption. *Journal of American medicine*, 287, 1807-1814. doi: 10.1037/0288-8922.23.3.225.

Citation: (Shanks, 2002)

#### No DOI:

Kheeler, D.F. & Kragin, M. (2007). Bringing it all home: Social work and the challenge of returning veterans. *Health and social work*, 32, 257-300. Retrieved from <http://www.naswpressonline.org>

Citation: (Kheeler & Kragin, 2007)

#### Magazine article:

Gardner, H. (1991, December). Do babies sing a universal song? *Psychology today*, 70-76.

Citation: (Gardner, 1991).

#### Webpage

Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). *General format*. Retrieved from <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Citation: (Angeli et al., 2010)