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APA References & Citations: Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due

When you write a college paper, your professor may ask you to use the APA or MLA *Style*. These styles are standardized ways to format your paper and cite your references. This handout will give you some examples to help you use the APA style.

The APA Style was developed by the American Psychological Association as a guideline for writing research papers, mostly used in Psychology and the Social Sciences. For a detailed description of it, see the book *The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th edition, 2009). This book is available at all Berkeley libraries.

In-Text Citations

Whenever you include someone else's quotes or ideas in your paper, you must give them credit. Do this by referring to them in the section of your paper where you use their ideas. If you have a citation on your References bibliography page, you must have a corresponding reference to them (in parentheses) in the text of your paper. APA style uses the author's last name followed by a comma and the year of publication in the text, in parentheses. For a direct quote, also include the page number where you found the original. Here are examples:

In-Text:

While many may disagree, a number of eminent ethicists and biologists assert that "animals have the same rights as humans" (Smith, 2006, p. 24).

Corresponding References Entry (for this book):

Smith, J. (2006). *The animal kingdom: How humans mistreat animals and why*. New York: Random House.

Note: If the source has no author's name, you can use the name of an organization or government agency it came from in place of the author. If you don't know who wrote it, just use a short title of the article.

In-Text:

Hypertension affects over 74 million Americans (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2010).

Corresponding References Entry (for this web page):

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2010, May 3). *May is High Blood Pressure Education Month*. Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HighBloodPressure/>

References Page

APA requires that you create your list of references on its own page after the last page of your text. Center the title – References – one inch from the top of the page. Each entry normally contains an author, year published, title, and publication data – all the info for someone to find the exact source in a library or online. References should be formatted as *hanging indents* - where the first line is flush left on the page, and any other lines are indented. Alphabetize the list of references by the last name of the authors. If the work has no author, no editor, and no corporation/organization that wrote it, then alphabetize the work by the first word of the title (excluding A, An, or The). Put the date after the author – the year for most entries, but for magazines and newspapers, the full date after the year - (2009, June) or (2010, March 5). If there is no date at all, use n.d. – (n.d.).

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Book or Textbook

Groom, A., Campbell, R.T., & Gould, W. (1999). *Psychology and you: a bright world and a bright future*. New York: John Wiley.

Chapter from a Book (no authors or editors)

Pancreatic cancer. (2013). In *Professional guide to diseases* (10th ed., pp. 740-743). Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Chapter or Section from an Electronic Book

Pancreatic cancer. (2013). In *Professional guide to diseases* (10th ed., pp. 740-743). Retrieved from Books@Ovid <http://ovidsp.ovid.com>

Newspaper Article

Print

Kustanovich, A. (2009, September 23). Taming a wild goose. *The Louisville Times*, p. A14.

Online

Watson, P. (2008, October 19). Biofuel boom endangers orangutan habitat. *Los Angeles Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.latimes.com>

Article in a Magazine

Print

Smith, J.P., & Wasserman M. (2009, November). Neurozoology: Creating a futuristic monkey. *Science*, 290(10), 30-35.

Online

Chen, B.X. (2010, March). Indie Coder Proves Android Apps Can Make Money, Too. *WIRED*. Retrieved from <http://www.wired.com>

Article in a Scholarly Journal

Print

Mellers, B.A. (2000). Choice and the pleasure of consequences in your world. *Psychological Bulletin*, 126, 7-9.

Online

NOTE: Online articles and books sometimes include a DOI number (digital object identifier). APA uses the DOI, when available, in place of a URL (web address) in reference list entries. If there's no DOI, include the URL for the journal.

Whitmeyer, J. M. (2000). Power through appointment. *Social Science Research*, 29, 535-555. doi:10.1006/ssre.2000.0680

Article from a Library Database

Eid, M., & Langeheine, R. (1999). The measurement of consistency and occasion specificity with latent class models. *Psychological Methods*, 4, 100-116. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/met/index.aspx>

Webpages

Webpages (with no specific author's name)

Mayo Clinic. (2014). Lung cancer. *MayoClinic.com*. Retrieved from <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/lung-cancer/DS00038>

Webpage (with no author, no year, & no page numbers)

optimum. (n.d.). In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary* (11th ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/optimum>