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The Reference list is located at the end of the paper and contains complete citations of all the works used by the researcher. It should provide enough information about each source for it to be found by a reader. To make works on the list easier to find, all entries are arranged in alphabetical order by the last name of the author, editor or translator. If creators' names are not available, the citation is started with the title of the work. Initial articles (A, An, or The) are ignored in alphabetizing.

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Examples of entries:

Electronic Sources

Document from a web site with one author and a date:

Keppen, D. (2004). *The Klamath Project at 100: Conserving our resources, preserving our heritage. 1905-2005: The first century of water for the Klamath Project*. Retrieved from: http://www.klamathbucketbrigade.org/KWUA_TheKlamathProjectat100041805.htm

Note: Only the first word of the title or a subtitle is capitalized.

Stand-alone document with no author and no date:

The Applegate trail. (n.d.). Retrieved from: <http://www.webtrail.com/applegate/>

Electronic book:

Austin, M.H. (1903). *The land of little rain*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company. Retrieved from Project Gutenberg: <http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/365>

Scholarly journal article from a library database:

Andersson, H.I. (2009). Increased mortality among individuals with chronic widespread pain relates to lifestyle factors: A prospective population-based study. *Disability & Rehabilitation, 31*, 1980-1987. doi: 10.3109/09638280902874154

Note: DOI (digital object identifier) should be included if available.

Murabito, J.M., Yang, Q., Fox, C.S., & Cupples, C.A. (2005). Genome-wide linkage analysis to age at natural menopause in a community-based sample. *Fertility & Sterility, 84*, 1674-1679. Retrieved from <http://www.fertstert.org/>

Note: If no DOI is available, the URL of journal publishers' web site is provided instead.

Online magazine article from the Internet:

DeAngelis, T. (2009, December). Removing fear, promoting joy. *Monitor on Psychology*. 40(11). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2009/12/alzheimers.html>

Electronic version of U.S. government report:

U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau. (2005, December). *Consolidated federal funds report for fiscal year 2004: State and county areas*. Retrieved from U.S. Census Bureau online press releases: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2005pubs/cffr-04.pdf>

Articles from Periodicals**Journal articles with the number of authors from one to seven:**

Davidson, A.J. (2009). Lesion studies targeting food-anticipatory activity. *European Journal of Neuroscience*, 30, 1658-1664.

Note: Both journal title and volume number are italicized.

Remington, G., & Kapur, S. (2005). Remission: What's in a name? *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 162, 2393-2394.

Note: Only the first word of the article title or a subtitle is capitalized; all words in a journal title are capitalized.

Journal articles with eight and more authors:

Curtin, J.A., Fridlyand, J., Kageshita, T., Patel, H.N., Busam, K.J., Kutzner, H., ... Bastian, B.C. (2005). Distinct sets of genetic alterations in melanoma. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 353, 2135-2147.

Note: The sixth author's name is followed by ellipsis and the final author's name.

Magazine article:

Ruvinsky, J. (2006, January). Brain scientists find single cells that can think. *Discover*, 27(1), 46.

Note: Required publication information is the month for monthly publications, and month and date for the weekly ones. Issue number is added for journals paginated separately by issue.

Newspaper article:

Hulse, C. (2005, December 22). Senate, in close vote, blocks oil drilling in Arctic. *New York Times*, pp.A1, A18.

Full text journal article from a library database:

Hunsinger, R.P. (2006). Culture and cultural identity in intercultural technical communication. *Technical Communication Quarterly*, 15, 31-48. Retrieved from <http://www.informaworld.com>

Note: If there is no DOI provided, the URL of the journal publisher is submitted instead.

Full text newspaper article from a library database:

Brewer, K. (2005, January 26). A good thing reaches its end. *Washington Times, The (DC)*. Retrieved from <http://www.washingtontimes.com>

Books**Book with one or more authors:**

Nelson, C. (2009). *Rocket men: The epic story of the first men on the moon*. New York, NY: Viking.

Note: Only the first word of the title or a subtitle is capitalized.

Mars, M. M., & Metcalfe, A.S. (2009). *The entrepreneurial domains of American higher education*. San Francisco, CA: Wiley.

Note: State abbreviations are required for publication information.

Howard, W.A., Clubb, J.M., & Lacey, V.A. (2008). *Race, class, and the death penalty: Capital punishment in American history*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

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Csuti, B., Kimerling, A.J., O'Neil, T.A., Shaughnessy, M.M., Gaines, E.P., Huso, M.M.P., et al. (1999). *Atlas of Oregon wildlife*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University Press.

Note: For eight and more authors, use “**et al.**” after the name of the sixth author.

Book with a corporate author:

American Psychological Association. (2007). *Graduate study in psychology*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

Note: In case of a professional organization being the author, the name of the organization is repeated twice: as the author, and as the publisher.

Edited book:

Mari, C. (Ed.). (2008). *The next space age*. New York, NY: H.W. Wilson.

Book with no author or editor:

Columbus world travel guide. (2005). Kent, United Kingdom: Highbury Columbus Travel Publications.

Chapter from a book:

Howe, W. (2005). Almost angels, almost feminists: Women in the professionals. In P.C. Rollins & J.E. O'Connor (Eds.), *Hollywood's west: The American frontier in film, television, and history* (pp. 198-218). Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky.

Note: Book authors'/editors' names are not inverted.

Entry from a print encyclopedia or dictionary:

Anderson, C. (2004). Apprentice. In *Historical encyclopedia of American labor*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Entry from an online encyclopedia or dictionary:

Nimrod. (n.d.). In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary*. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nimrod>

Government publication:

U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on Environmental and Public Works. (2006). *Captive Primate Safety Act*. (109th Cong., 2nd sess.: 109-263). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Review of a book:

Richards, R.J. (2007, Mar/Apr). Reason and reverence. [Review of the book *The language of God: A scientist presents evidence for belief*, by F.S. Collins]. *American Scientist*, 95, 173-174.

Note: Brackets are used to identify the material being reviewed: book, motion picture, television program, etc.

Other types of sources

Motion picture:

Colesberry, R. (Producer), & Schlondorff, V. (Director). (1985). *Death of a salesman* [Motion picture]. United States: Image Entertainment.

Personal interview:

Personal interviews and other types of personal communication (group discussions, telephone conversations, electronic bulletin boards, etc.) are not mentioned in the References list.

In-Text (Parenthetical) Citations

APA style uses the **author-date** in-text system of citation: **author's last name** and the **year of publication** are placed in parentheses immediately after the cited material. For direct citations, some paraphrases, a specific illustration, table or part of text, a **page number** is given as well.

Examples:

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Internet source with no author and no date:

In 1846 the Applegate Trail was considered an alternate and a safer route to Oregon (Applegate, n.d.)

Note: The Internet source title can be abbreviated. Abbreviation “n.d.” stands for “no date.”

Electronic publication:

Sohmer expressed a controversial opinion that Shakespeare’s play *Julius Caesar* “was expressly intended to open the new Globe theatre in June 1599” (para. 3).

Note: Some electronic publications have numbered paragraphs; in this case paragraph numbers might be used instead of missing page numbers.

Work by one author:

According to Kimmerer (2003), “the whole plant is flat, like an upright feather” (p.65).

Note: If the author’s name appears in the text, there is no need to repeat it in the citation; direct quotation requires quotation marks around it.

Work by two authors:

Concept of diagnosis in psychiatry is treated as “the cornerstone of treatment” (Bauer & McBride, 2003, p. 3). **Note:** Both authors are cited every time the reference occurs in the paper.

Work by three, four or five authors:

These alternative approaches resolve the problem at the expense of minor disadvantages (Goodwin, Seron, & Dona, 2005, p.27). **Or:** Goodwin, Seron, and Dona (2005) state that...

(Goodwin et al., 2005, p.27). **Or:** Goodwin et al. (2005) state that...

Note: In subsequent citations use “et al.” to indicate the rest of the authors.

Work by six or more authors:

Trumpeter swans often build their nests on muskrat houses (Csuti et al., 1997). **Or:** Csuti et al. (1997) point out, that...

Work by a corporate author:

Not all children enjoy the “carefree” days of childhood (American Psychological Association, 2007, p.77)

(APA, 2007, p.77)

Note: In subsequent citations only the abbreviation of the organization is used.

Anonymous work:

Defining anxiety as a distinct emotional state has been a topic of considerable debate (*Comparative Treatments*, 2002)

Note: The first few words of the title and the year are used. Book titles are italicized; article titles are put in quotation marks.

Specific part of a work:

(Conway, 2005, Chapter 5)

Note: For a specific part of a work a chapter, page, figure, or table should be indicated.

Citation of a work discussed in a secondary source:

Cooper and McAlister’s study (as cited in Collins, Schwartz, & Temple, 2005) demonstrates...

Note: In the Reference list only the work by Collins et al. will be included.

Personal communications:

(R.D. Meyer, personal communication, May 10, 2009)

Note: Personal communications include personal and phone interviews, e-mails, letters, etc., and are not included in the Reference list.

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