

# APA Reference List Examples

The examples below are based on information in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the APA publication manual and 6<sup>th</sup> edition of *Concise Rules of APA Style*. Presented are some of the more common types of sources one would use in a research paper. For additional information see APA publication manual (on reserve in library).

## Book

For books, include the following information: author(s), date of publication, title and subtitle, city of publication, two letter postal abbreviation of state, and publisher.

### Example (one author)

Levenstein, H.A. (2003). *Revolution at the table: The transformation of the American diet*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

### Example (two authors)

Beck, C.A., & Sales, B.D. (2001). *Family mediation: Facts, myths and future prospects*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

## Periodicals

For periodicals (non-electronic format) include the following information as required: author, date of publication, title of article, name of periodical, volume number, issue number (not always required), page number, and, after the page numbers, digital object identifier (DOI) if one is identified.

### Example: Journal (paginated by volume/no DOI)

Mellers, B.A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Psychological Bulletin*, 126, 910 – 924.

### Example: Journal (paginated by issue/no DOI)

Klimoski, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychological Journal: Practice and Research*, 45(2), 10 – 36.

### Example: Magazine (no DOI)

Raloff, J. (2001, May 12). Lead therapy won't help most kids. *Science News*, 159, 292.

### Example: Journal article with DOI

Herbst-Damm, K.L., & Kulik, J.A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology*, 24, 225-229. doi: 10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225.

## Electronic Sources

Electronic sources contain so many possibilities as to type of source, that it is difficult to give a list of elements needed for all possible types of sources. *Concise Rules of APA Style* (2010) states on page 201: "...include the same elements, in the same order, as you would for a reference to a fixed-media source and add as much electronic retrieval information as needed for others to locate the sources you cited."

Pages 206 – 207, *Concise Rules of APA Style* (2010) also explain: Use the home page URL of a journal, book, or report if there is no DOI identified. Usually, database information is not required because journal coverage for particular databases can change and it can be unclear which database provided the article when using an aggregator such as EBSCO and ProQuest.

For electronic versions of books, include in brackets the format and DOI (or URL if no DOI). Some electronic sources have no dates. If this is the case with your source, use (n.d.)

### **Example: Journal article from database such as Ebsco**

Based on the above statements from APA, treat it as a journal article and cite required information as if it is a journal article.

### **Example: Online magazine or journal article (no DOI)**

Clay, R. (2008, June). Science vs. ideology: Psychologists fight back about the misuse of research. *Monitor on Psychology*, 39(6). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/>

### **Example: Entry in an online reference work**

Graham, G. (2005). Behaviorism. In E.N. Zalta (Ed.) *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Fall 2007 ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.m-w.com/entires/behaviorism>

### **Example: Electronic version of print book**

Schiraldi, G.R. (2001). *The post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook: A guide to healing, recovery, and growth* [Adobe Digital Editions version]. Doi: 10.1036/0071393722

### **Example: Electronic-only book**

O'Keefe, E. (n.d.). *Egoism & the crisis in Western values*. Retrieved from <http://www.onlineoriginals.com/showitem.asp?itemID=135>

### **Example: Short work from a website**

Landau, E. (n.d.) Tiny technologies could produce big energy solutions. *CNN.com*. Retrieved from <http://www.cnn.com/2009/TECH/09/22/nano.technology.energy/index.html>

## The Basics of APA Style®

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This link below leads to a tutorial designed for those who have no previous knowledge of APA Style®. It shows users how to structure and format their work, recommends ways to reduce bias in language, identifies how to avoid charges of plagiarism, shows how to cite references in text, and provides selected reference examples.

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