

# APA CITATION STYLE TIP SHEET

Based on: American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

## Important APA style reference list rules:

- Organize references alphabetically by the first word
- Italicize the main title
- Capitalize the first letter of the first word in the title and subtitle (except journal articles)
- Use initials for authors' first and middle names
- **Double-space** citations, with a hanging indent on all subsequent lines

## SAMPLE REFERENCES

### BOOK — ONE AUTHOR OR EDITOR (APA 7.02, 202-203)

Lemov, R. M. (2005). *World as laboratory: Experiments with mice, mazes, and men*. New York: Hill and Wang.

Prince-Hughes, D. (Ed.). (2005). *Aquamarine blue 5: Personal stories of college students with autism*. Athens, OH: Swallow Press/Ohio University Press.

### BOOK — ELECTRONIC VERSION OF PRINT BOOK (APA 7.02.19, 203)

Tabor, E. (2007) *Emerging viruses in human populations*. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com>

### BOOK —CHAPTER (APA 7.02.25, 204)

Paulsen, E. (2003). Designing a database for law enforcement agencies. In M.R. Leipnik & D.P. Albert (Eds.), *GIS in law enforcement: Implementation issues & case studies*. (pp. 69-80). London, England: Taylor & Francis.

### ARTICLE — ENCYCLOPEDIA OR DICTIONARY (APA 7.02, 202-203)

Gennantonio, M. E. (2004). Audiology assessment. In M.D. Mezey (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of elder care* (pp. 81-82). New York: Prometheus Books.

### ARTICLE—ENCYCLOPEDIA OR DICTIONARY/ ONLINE REFERENCE WORK (APA 7.02.29, 205)

Holland, A. L. (2005). Aphasia. In S. L. Chamberlin and B. Narins (Eds.), *Gale encyclopedia of neurological disorders*. (Vol. 1, pp. 86-89). Retrieved from Gale Virtual Reference Library database.

### ARTICLE – NEWSPAPER (APA 7.01.10, 200)

Lomborg, B. (2009, August 28). Technology can fight global warming. *Wall Street Journal*, pp.A15.

### ARTICLE— ONLINE NEWSPAPER (APA 7.01.11, 200)

Robbins, L. (2009, October 15). 6-year-old alone in helium balloon over Colorado. *New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

### ARTICLE – POPULAR MAGAZINE (APA 7.01.7, 200)

Kotler, S. (2005, March/April). The perils of higher education. *Psychology Today*, 38(2), 64-70.

### ERIC DOCUMENT (APA 7.09.62, 212)

Mitchell, L. (2009). *Becoming culturally responsive teachers in today's diverse classroom*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, California. Retrieved from ERIC database. (ED 505986)

### WEB PAGE (APA 7.09.61, 212)

*APA Style*. (2009) Retrieved from <http://www.apastyle.org/>

### **BLOG POST (APA 7.11.76, 215)**

McAddo, T. (2008, October 14). Re: How to cite Wikipedia in APA style. [Web log message]. Retrieved from <http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/2009/10/how-to-cite-wikipedia-in-apa-style.html>

### **ARTICLE — SCHOLARLY JOURNAL WITH DOI (APA 7.01.1, 198)**

Vernon, P., Villani, V., Schermer, J., Kirilovic, S., Martin, R., Petrides, K.,...Cherkas, L. F. (2009). Genetic and environmental correlations between trait emotional intelligence and humor styles. *Journal of Individual Differences, 30*, 130-137. doi:10.1027/1614-0001.30.3.130

*NOTE: DOI stands for digital object identifier. It is a unique number assigned to individual articles and is listed in the upper left corner of the article. You can look up the doi at <http://www.crossref.org>*

### **ARTICLE — SCHOLARLY JOURNAL WITHOUT DOI (APA 7.01.3, 199)**

Grindstaff, C. F. & Ebanks, G. E. (1973). Male sterilization as a contraceptive method in Canada: An empirical study. *Population Studies, 27*, 443-455. Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org/>

## **IN-TEXT REFERENCES (APA 6.11-6.21, 174-179)**

Cite the author and the year of publication. Do not cite the page number unless quoting directly.

Example: Gemilli and Jumeaux (1999) compared two hundred sets of identical twins

If a work does not have an author listed, cite the first few words from the entry in the reference list (usually the title) and the year of publication.

Example: New Mexico State University ranked number 25 on Forbes' list of top 100 public Universities in the U.S. ("America's Best", 2009)

Many electronic sources do not have page numbers so use the paragraph number (if available) and precede it with the paragraph symbol or the abbreviation "para."

Example: (Kruschke & Bradley, 1995, ¶ 7)

If paragraph and page numbers are not available, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph that follows it.

Example: (Fishbein, 2001, Method section, para.2)

## **NOTES ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION**

- The first printing of the 6th edition has quite a few errors and typos, especially in the sample experiment paper #1. Information about corrections, revised sample papers, and about changes to the 6<sup>th</sup> edition in general is available at <http://www.apastyle.org/>
- The list of corrections is available at:  
<http://supp.apa.org/style/pubman-reprint-corrections-for-2e.pdf>
- The corrected version of the sample paper is available at:  
<http://www.apastyle.org/manual/related/sample-experiment-paper-1.pdf>
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<http://www.crossref.org>
- There is a copy of the 6th edition available for browsing at the Zuhl Library reference desk or in the reference collection on the 1st floor of Zuhl Library BF76.7 .P83 2010.