



## APA Citation Style Tip Sheet

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An 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

### BOOKS & PRINT ARTICLES

#### BOOK – ONE AUTHOR

Sedley, D. (2003). *Plato's Cratylus*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

#### BOOK – MULTIPLE AUTHORS

Mooney, B., & Simpson, B. (2003). *Breaking news: How the wheels came off at Reuters*. Chichester: Capstone.

#### BOOK – EDITED

Green, T. A., & Svinth, J. R. (Eds.). (2003). *Martial arts in the modern world*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

#### BOOK CHAPTER

Delong, J. B. (2003). A history of bequests in the United States. In A. H. Munnell & A. Sunden, *Death and dollars: The role of gifts and bequests in America* (pp. 329-339). Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.

#### ARTICLE – ENCYCLOPEDIA OR DICTIONARY

Raspet, R. (1997). Shock waves, blast waves, and sonic booms. In M. J. Crocker (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of acoustics* (pp. 329-339). New York: John Wiley.

#### ARTICLE – NEWSPAPER

Dickson, T. G. (2004, February 27). Staying downtown: Business owner sees pros and cons, *The Las Cruces Bulletin*, pp. 1, 3.

#### ARTICLE – POPULAR MAGAZINE

Lemonick, M. D. (2004, January 19). The chemistry of desire. *Time*, 163, 68-73.

#### ARTICLE – SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

Clark, L. A., Kochanska, G., & Ready, R. (2000). Mothers' personality and its interaction with child temperament as predictors of parenting behavior. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 79, 274-285.

#### ERIC DOCUMENT

Brown, G. (1999). *Information skills: How information literate are New Zealand children?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the New Zealand Council for Educational Research and the Australian Association for Research in Education, Melbourne, Australia. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 438 298).

## ONLINE SOURCES

### ARTICLE – LIBRARY DATABASE

West, K. (2003, November). Restoring the Rio: Efforts to keep the Rio Grande full of water. *Scientific American*, 289, 26-27. Retrieved February 29, 2004, from the Expanded Academic ASAP database.

### ARTICLE – ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA

Literacy. (2000). *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Retrieved December 10, 2000, from <http://www.Britannica.com>.

### ARTICLE – ONLINE JOURNAL

Dujunco, M. M. (2003, August). The birth of a new mode? *Ethnomusicology online*. Retrieved February 29, 2004, from <http://www.research.umbc.edu/eol/8/dujunco/index.html>.

### ARTICLE – ONLINE NEWSPAPER

Lohr, S. (2004, March 1). Microsoft, among dwindling interest, talks up computing as a career [Electronic version] *New York Times*. Retrieved March 1, 2004, from <http://www.nytimes.com>.

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Califano, J. A., Jr. (1999, June). *Q & A: Binge Lessons*. Retrieved March 3, 2004, from the Public Broadcasting System Web site [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/health/jan-june99/qa\\_casa.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/health/jan-june99/qa_casa.html)

## MORE INFORMATION ON CITING IN APA STYLE & MORE EXAMPLES

<http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/handouts/apa.htm>

Contains more sample citations, a powerpoint presentation from an NMSU APA library workshop, a handout on how to find the items (such as the author) in your source, and instructions on citing archival material, provided by NMSU Library Archives department.

<http://www.apastyle.org/styletips.html>

Home page for the American Psychological Association style products. Some information is for sale, but the site does provide some free information and examples.

<http://www.apastyle.org/elecsource.html>

Excellent info on citing online sources, from the APA itself.

<http://www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/citing.htm>

An excellent guide to citing in several styles (including APA), from the Duke University library web site.

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