The APA Style



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Sources

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2009)

and http://www.apastyle.org

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this tutorial you should be able to:

- state the reasons for citing sources
- explain the basic rules of citing using the APA style
- use these rules to cite sources using the APA style



Why Cite?

Citing sources

- acknowledges another person's intellectual property: ideas, words, data, etc.
- shows you have done research in the field
- strengthens arguments you make in a paper (or presents a counter argument)
- guides your readers (e.g. lecturers, other researchers) who may need to find the resources you used

What is the APA Style?

A particular style for writing papers and preparing references based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.

There are other acceptable styles, e.g. MLA, Chicago.

Citing using APA

 In text citing (citing within the text or body of your essay or paper)

 Reference List (at the end of your essay or paper)

References cited in the text must be in the Reference List AND

Each entry in the Reference List must be cited in the text.



Citing in the text:

- shows that you are using material from a source other than yourself
- refers to the source in a brief form
- directs your reader/lecturer to full information on that source in the alphabetical Reference List at the end of your essay/paper.

Examples:

Citation in text

Alleyne (2001) argued that ...



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Reference List

Alleyne, D. (2001). The dynamics of growth, employment and economic reforms in Jamaica. *Social and Economic Studies*, *50* (1), 55-125.

Author-date citing in the text

Each time you cite a source in your essay/paper you must include:

- 1. author's last name -- **OR** title if no author is named
- 2. date of publication

Examples of in-text citing

Alleyne (2001) discusses labour demand in the formal sector...

If it is true that "women enter the labour market with higher levels of education and at a later age than men" (Alleyne, 2001, p. 97) then...

A work with two or more authors:

If a work has two authors always cite both names in all citations.

When a work has 3-5 authors use all authors in the first citation. In subsequent citations, include only the surname of the first author followed by et al.

Examples:

Two authors

Chang and McWatt (2000) discuss the literature of the British Caribbean ...

Christmas celebrations in late 19th and early 20th century Jamaica retained some aspects of Victorian culture (Moore & Johnson, 2002).

Examples:

Three to five authors

(Teelucksingh, Ali, Fraser, Denbow, and Nicholson, 2001)

[first citation in text]

(Teelucksingh et al., 2001)

[subsequent citation per paragraph]

Two or More Works by the Same Author in the Same Year

Differentiate works by the same author with same publication date by suffixes **a**, **b**, **c**

Examples:

Research by Carrington (2001a) showed that...

Several studies (Alleyne, 2004a, 2004b)...

Citing in the text: Quotations

According to Batson-Savage (2005), "Stephens asserts that women are not merely voiceless beings victimised by patriarchal dancehall" (p. 11).

"The perception of Haitians as largely a horde of desperate individuals on the verge of engulfing the U.S. shore line as illegal migrants [is] incorrect and largely destructive" (Lundy, 2007, p. 64).

BUT do not use quotation marks to enclose block quotations (quotations of 40 or more words)

Batson-Savage (2007) points to the double meaning:

The term is often applied to someone who is a cultural

ambassador, one who is sent out to represent the nation's culture across

the nations of the world, thus becoming 'at large'. .. The same

description is used to describe someone who has evaded the law. This

aptly describes many of Oliver's dealings as he attempts to operate

outside the system. (pp. 76-77)

Use double spacing

Personal communications include:

Letters, personal interviews, e-mail messages

Personal communications should be cited in the text only.

Examples:

According to B. A. Chevannes (personal communication, March 15, 2006) [author's name in sentence]

(B. A. Chevannes, personal communication, March

15, 2006) [authors name not in the sentence]

The Reference List

- organizes in an alphabetical list all the works cited in the text of your paper
- gives information about each source as appears in the original
- provides information needed to identify and locate each source

Books

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:

Bailey, B. E. (2000). Gender and education in

Jamaica: What about the boys?

Kingston, Jamaica: UNESCO.

Periodical article

Author, A. A. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume number* (issue number), pp-pp.

Example

Batson-Savage, T. (2007). The buffoon and representation: The case of 'Oliver' in Jamaican theatre. *Caribbean Quarterly, 53* (1 & 2), 76-83.

Edition Other Than the First

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work* (ed.). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example

Catania, A. C. (1984). *Learning* (2nd ed.). Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Activity: Citing the periodical article

How would you cite the following information found in a journal?

Police Practice and Research, Vol. 5, No. 3, July 2004, pp. 241–257

ISSN 1561-4263 print/ISSN 1477-271X © 2004 Taylor & Francis Ltd

Policing Paradise: Law and Disorder in Belize

Robert Hanson, Greg Warchol & Linda Zupan

Answer

Hanson, R., Warchol, G., & Zupan, L. (2004).

Policing paradise: Law and disorder in Belize.

Police Practice and Research, 5, 241–257.

Using the information below, construct a citation for your reference list according to the APA Style.

- Author: William Stanton
- Title: Room for Criticism: An Essay
- Place of Publication: Princeton, New Jersey
- Publisher: Princeton University Press
- Year: 1984

Answer

Stanton, W. (1984). Room for criticism: An essay. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Book with no author named

The Far East and Australasia 1991. (1992). London: Europa.

Chapter in an edited work or reference source

Massaro, D. (1992). Broadening the domain of the fuzzy logical model of perception. In H. L. Pick Jr., P. van den Broek, & D. C. Knill (Eds.), *Cognition: Conceptual and methodological issues* (pp. 51-84). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Bergmann, P. G. (1993). Relativity. In *The new encyclopaedia Britannica* (Vol. 26, pp. 501-508). Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Citing Electronic Publications

Electronic texts are not as fixed and stable as their print counterparts. Therefore, these citations should provide more information than print citations

Dates

A citation for an online text **may** contain **2 dates**

- the date of the electronic publication or the latest update and
- the date on which the researcher accessed the document (if the source material may change).

Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

Network address or URL.

http://historychannel.com/thisday/today/980820.html

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Citing Electronic Publications

DOI

- Unique alphanumeric string which identifies content and provides persistent link to its location on the Internet
- Usually (but not always) found on first page of electronic journal article
- When DOI is available, include for both print and electronic sources
- No further retrieval information required when citation includes DOI
- If DOI unavailable and URL included, retrieval date unnecessary unless source material may change over time (e.g. wikis)

Electronic Sources

Examples:

An article from an online Journal

Jacobson, J. W., Mulick, J. A., & Schwartz, A. A. (1995). A history of facilitated communication: Science, pseudoscience, and antiscience science working group on facilitated communication. *American Psychologist*, 50, 750-765. doi: 10.1037/0003-066X.50.9.750

Electronic Sources

Examples:

An article from an online Journal

Hanson, R., Warchol, G., & Zupan, L. (2004). Policing paradise: Law and disorder in Belize. *Police Practice and Research*, *5*, 241–257. doi: 10.1080/156142604200227585

Databases

Examples:

Schneiderman, R. A. (1997). Librarians can make sense of the Net. *San Antonio Business Journal*, 11 (31), 58-67.

Internet Documents

Example:

Web site (no author identified)

Electronic reference formats recommended by the

American Psychological Association.

(2000, August 22). Washington, DC:

American Psychological Association.

Retrieved from

http://www.apa.org/journals/webref.html

Chapter or section in an Internet document

Shah, A. (2003, April 21). Sustainable development. In *Global issues*. Retrieved from http://www.globalissues.com/TradeRelated /Development.asp

Activity: Citing online articles



Example of Internet article/document

Title of article

Debt -- Undermining Development Debt -- Undermining Development

by Anup Shah | This Page Last Updated Monday, July 30, 2001

The URL of this page is: http://www.globalissues.com/TradeRelated/Debt.asp.

"Debt reduction has been delayed for many years because governments have been unwilling to admit they have made bad loans, and it is only pressure by Jubilee 2000 and other groups that has made the difference, admits a former IMF and British Treasury insider in a candid article in the prestigious journal Development Policy Review (September 1999)." -- Ex-IMF Director admits creditors refuse to acknowledge bad lending, Jubilee 2000, October 20, 1999.

Debt has crippled many developing countries. Often based on loans taken out by prior rulers and dictators (many of which various Western nations put into power to suit their interests), millions face poorer and poorer living standards and precious resources are diverted to debt repayment.

Causes of the Debt Crisis

The causes of debt are a result of mismanaged spending and lending by the West in the 1960s and 70s. Click here to find out more.

The Scale of the Debt Crisis

Total debt continues to rise, despite ever-increasing payments, while aid is falling. The developing world now spends \$13 on debt repayment for every \$1 it receives in grants. Click here to find out more.

The Heavily In-debt Poor Countries Initiative is Not Working

The IMF and World Bank have actually admitted that the HIPC initiative is backfiring in some cases and are confirming warnings that debt-relief advocates were making even before the scheme was launched. Click here to find out more.

Debt and the Global Economic Crisis of 1997/98/99

The structural adjustment measures, global, unregulated free markets and lack of protection for emerging economies all contributed to the global economic and financial crisis in the late 1990s. Click here to find out more.

Web address/ URL

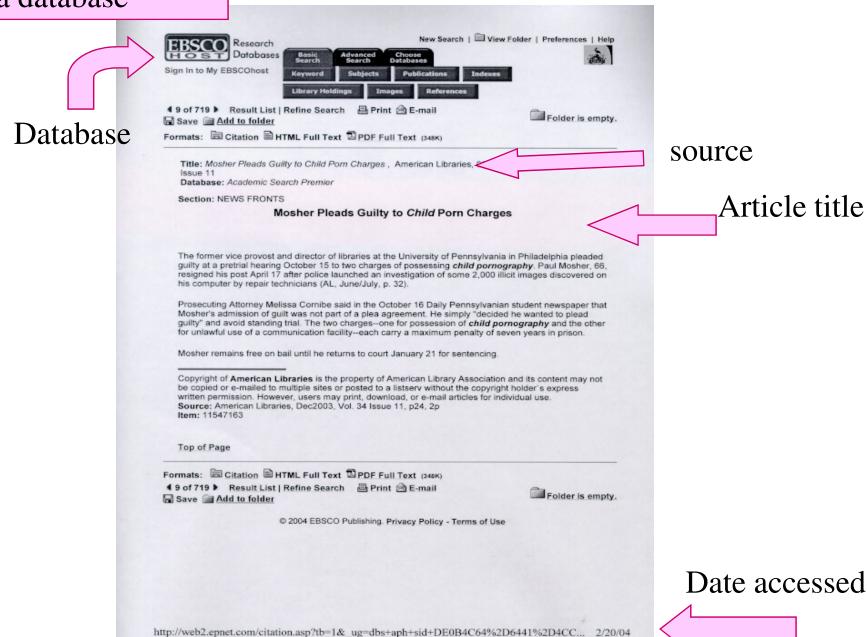
author

http://www.globalissues.com/TradeRelated/Debt.asp?Print=True

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Date accessed

Example of article from a database



How would you cite the following in your reference list according to the APA style?

Author: Michael Leo Owen

Title: Renewal In A Working-

class Black Neighborhood

Source: Journal of Urban Affairs

Volume &

Issue No.: **Vol. 19, No. 2**

Database: Proquest

• Date: **1997**

• Pages: **183-205**

Owen, M. L. (1997). Renewal in a working-class black neighborhood. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 19, 183-205.

- The Far East and Australasia 1991. (1992). London: Europa.
- Goleman, D. (1987) Failing to recognize bias in science. *Technology Review*, 9 (8), 26-27.
- Goleman, D. (1992) The creative spirit. New York: Dutton.
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The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association offers complete guidelines for manuscript style and citation.

Consult the *Manual* for types of sources not dealt with in this session.

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