

The Writing Center

Formatting a References Page in APA Style—7th Edition

APA style provides a set of rules for citing the sources you use when researching and writing essays. This ensures that readers will be able to easily retrace where you found information and will help you to avoid plagiarism. This handout gives some basic guidelines for constructing a References page in APA style. Note that your References page should list every source you consulted in alphabetical order by the last name of the author. If you are uncertain about how to cite a particular source, consult your handbook, your instructor, or a writing center tutor.

* The APA replaced its sixth edition guidelines with its seventh edition guidelines in October 2019. The following examples reflect the seventh edition changes. For more information, see https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_style_introduction.html

Citing Books

Basic format

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Publisher Name.

A book with a single author

Stoneman, R. (2008). *Alexander the Great: A life in legend*. Yale University Press.

A book with two authors

List by their last names and initials. Separate author names with a comma. Use the ampersand instead of "and."

Soto, C. J., & John, O. P. (2017). *Le morte darthur*. Michigan State University Press.

Three to twenty authors

List by last names and initials; commas separate author names, while the last author name is preceded again by ampersand. This is a departure from APA 6, which only required listing the first six authors before an ellipsis and the final author's name.

Nguyen, T., Carnevale, J. J., Scholer, A. A., Miele, D. B., & Fujita, K. (2019). *Symposium*. Hackett Publishing Company.

An edited collection or anthology

Valentine, T. (2004). *Language and prejudice*. (E. D.S. Brewer, Ed.). Pearson Longman.

Citing Periodicals

Scholarly journal article

All Authors: Last name, Initial(s). (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, vol. , no. , pages.

Fraistat, N. (1994). Illegitimate shelley: radical piracy and the textual edition as cultural performance. *PMLA*, 109, 409-23.

Magazine article

All Authors: last name, Initial(s). (Year, Month). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*. Volume(issue), pages.

Ruby, J. (2013, October). The delicious life of nick offerman. *Chicago*, 5(6), 66-69.

Newspaper article

All Authors: last name, Initial(s). (year +, month + day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, pp. pages.

Hoover, E. (2013, July 5). Talk of student-aid reform prompts antitrust inquiry. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, pp. L1.

Citing Electronic Sources

An entire website

Do not include an entire website in the reference list.

Webpage or piece of online content

If the page names an individual author, cite their name first:

Price, D. (2018, March 23). *Laziness does not exist*. Medium. <https://humanparts.medium.com/laziness-does-not-exist-3af27e312d01>

Article from an online scholarly journal

Lastname, F. M. & Lastname, F. M. (Year). Title of article. Title of Periodical, Vol.(Issue), page numbers. DOI

Drollinger, T., Comer, L. B., & Warrington, P. T. (2006). Development and validation of the active empathetic listening scale. *Psychology & Marketing*, 23(2), 161-180. <https://doi.org/10.1002/mar.20105>

Citing Interviews

Interviews fall into three categories: published interviews, personal interviews, and research participant interviews. However, only published interviews require a formal citation in your reference list.

If the interview transcript is published in an online periodical, like a magazine, cite the interview the same way you would cite the medium where it is published, as shown below:

Schulman, M. (2019, December 8). Peter Dinklage is still punk rock. *The New Yorker*.
<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-new-yorker-interview/peter-dinklage-is-still-punk-rock>

If it is an audio file or transcript published in a database, credit the interviewee as the author and use the following model:

Paynter, W. (1970, September 17). *Interview with Will Paynter* [Interview]. Studs Terkel Radio Archive; The Chicago History Museum. <https://studsterkel.wfmt.com/programs/interview-will-paynter>