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References

**Print Sources**

**Basic Format for Books**

Lastname, I. I.[[1]](#footnote-1) (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Location: Publisher.

**Note**: “Give the location (city and state or, if outside of the United States, city and country) where the publisher is located as noted on the title page for books; reports; brochures; and other separate, nonperiodical publications… The names of U.S. states and territories are abbreviated in the reference list and in the Method section (supplier’s locations); use the official two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviations” (APA, 2010, pp. 186-187).

Martocci, L. (2015). *Bullying: The social destruction of self*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

**Note**: You put the title of the book in Italics, but you only capitalize the first letter of the first word and the first letter of the first word after a colon.

**Edited Book, No Author**

Robinson, D. N. (Ed.). (1992). Social discourse and moral judgement. San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

**Note**: “In a reference to an edited book, place the editors’ names in the author position, and enclose the abbreviation Ed. or Eds. in parentheses after the editor’s last name” (APA, 2010, p. 184).

Gibbs, J.T., & Huang, L. N. (Eds.). (1991). Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority youth. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

**Edition Other Than the First**

McQuade, S.M. (2010). Cyber bullying: Protecting kids and adults from online bullies (2nd ed.). Wesport, CN: Praeger Publishers.

**Article or Chapter in an Edited Book**

Author, I. I., & Author, I. I. (Year of publication). Title of chapter. In I. Editor & I. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. pages of chapter). Location: Publisher.

**Note**: When you cite an article or chapter in an edited book (and when you cite a newspaper article), you put “pp.” before the page numbers. It would look like this (pp. 1-15). However, you do not use “pp.” for page numbers in magazines or journals.

Bjork, R.A. (1989*). Retrieval inhibition as an adaptive mechanism in human memory*. In H.L. Roediger & F. I. Craik (Eds.), *Varieties of memory & consciousness* (pp. 309-330). Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

**Author is an Association and the Publisher**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.)*. Washington, DC: Author.

**Article in a Magazine**

Henry, W. A., III. (1990, April 9). Beyond the melting pot. *Time*, 28-31.

**Article in a Newspaper**

When you cite a newspaper article, you put “pp.” before the page numbers. It would look like this (pp. 1-15). In addition, if the article is only on one page, you use “p.” It would look like this p. B2.

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

**Article in a Newspaper with No Author**

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (1993, July 15). *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

**Note**: When there is no author, you use the title of the article first thing.

**Online Sources**

“In general, we recommend that you 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 cite” (APA, 2010, p. 187). In addition, the APA (2010) states not to include retrieval dates in citations.

**Article From a Database**

Author, I. I., & Author, I. I. (Date of publication). Title of article. Title of Journal, volume number (issue number), page range. doi:0000000/000000000000

**Note:** “A DOI is a unique alphanumeric string assigned by a registration agency (the International DOI Foundation) to identify and content and provide a persistent link to its location on the Internet. The publisher assigns a DOI when your article is published and made available electronically” (APA, 2010, p. 189). When a DOI is available, use that instead of the URL. According to the APA (2010), “Because the DOI string can be long, it is safest to copy and paste whenever possible” (p. 191).

Brownlie, D. (2007). Toward effective poster presentations: An annotated bibliography. European Journal of Marketing, 41, 1245-1283. doi:10.1108/03090560710821161

**Note:** “If no DOI has been assigned to the content, provide the home page URL of the journal or of the book or report publisher… In general, it is not necessary to include database information.” (APA, 2010, pp. 191-192).

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. Title of Journal, volume number (issue number). Retrieved from http://www.journalhomepage.com/full/url/

Sillick, T.J., & Schutte, N.S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from http://ojs.lib.swim.edu.au/index.php/ejap

**Newspaper Article**

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*. Retrieved from   
http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/

Brody, J.E. (2007, December 11). Mental reserves keep brain agile. *The New York Times*.

Retrieved from http://nytimes.com

**Note:** “Give the URL of the home page when the online version of the article is available by search to avoid nonworking URLs” (APA, 2010, p. 201).

**Online Dictionaries or Reference Work**

Heuristic. (n.d.). In *Merriam-Webster’s online dictionary* (11th ed.). Retrieved from

http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/heuristic

**Nonperiodical Web Document, Web Page, or Report**

List as much of the following information as possible. Make sure to check the entire page for the information.

Author, I. I., & Author, I. I. (Year, Month Day). Title of document. Retrieved from http://www.xxxx

Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). General format. Retrieved from http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

**Note**: If there is no author listed, use the title of the article first.

The bully report: Trends in bullying pulled from student facebook interactions.

(2012). Retrieved from

http://files.dosomething.org/files/campaigns/bullyreport/bully\_report.pdf

**Technical and Research Reports**

“For reports retrieved online, identify the publisher as part of the retrieval statement unless the publisher has been identified as the author” ( APA, 2010, p. 205).

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Health. (2003).

Managing asthma: A guide for schools. Retrieved from http://www.nibi.nih.gov/health/

**Online Forum or Discussion Board Posting**

Include the title of the message, and the URL of the newsgroup or discussion board. Please note that titles for items in online communities (e.g. blogs, newsgroups, forums) are not italicized. If the author’s full name is not available, use the screen name. “Follow the date with the subject line of the message (also referred to as the “thread”); do not italicize it. Provide a description of the message in brackets after the title” (APA, 2010, p. 215). Provide the URL where the message is archived.

Rampersand, T. (2005, June 8). Re: Traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions [Online forum comment]. Retrieved from http://www.wipo.int/roller/comments/ipisforum?Weblog/theme\_eight\_how\_can\_cultrual

**Electronic Books**

 Shotton, M.A. (1989). Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency. [Nook

Version]. Retrieved from http://www.barnesandnoble.com/

**Blog and Video Blog Post**

If the author is identified by a screen name only, it is acceptable to use the screen name for the author’s name.

MiddleKid. (2007, January 22). Re: The unfortunate prerequisites and consequences of partitioning your mind [Web log message]. Retrieved from http://scienceblogs.com/pharyngula/2007/01/the\_unfortunate\_prerequisites.php

Norton, R. (2006, November 4). How to train a cat to operate a light switch [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vja83KLQXZs

**Some more rules**

* Your references should begin on a new page separate from the text of the essay; label this page “References” centered at the top of the page (**do NOT bold, underline, or use quotation marks for the title**). All text should be double-spaced.
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Calfee, R. C., & Valencia, R. R. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal*

*publication*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

* Maintain the punctuation and capitalization that is used by the journal in its title. For example: ReCALL not RECALL or Knowledge Management Research & Practice not Knowledge Management Research and Practice.
* Capitalize all major words **in journal titles but not the article title**.
* **When referring to books, chapters, articles, or Web pages, capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle, the first word after a colon or a dash in the title, and proper nouns**. Do not capitalize the first letter of the second word in a hyphenated compound word.
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Soderlund, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). General format.

Retrieved from http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

For more information, see the *APA Publication Manual*, 6th edition, or the OWL at Purdue.

1. I. stands for initial. Use the author’s full last name, then first (and if available middle) initial. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)