

## APA Style Reference Pages

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### General Format

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**Note:** The following page references coincide with the latest edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. A copy of the manual is available in the Center for Writing Excellence, Centennial 2104, and 2003 McIntyre.

### Book by one author (p. 202-203)

**Print Source:** Gardner, H. (1993). *Creating minds*. New York: Basic Books.

**Electronic Book Based on Print:** Krames, J.A. (2002). The Rumsfeld way: The leadership wisdom of a battle-hardened veteran. doi: 10.1036/0071406417

**Edited Book (Print):** Davis, W. C. & Robertson, J. I., Jr. (Eds.). (2005). *Virginia at war: 1861*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky.

### Book by two to seven authors (for more than seven authors follow rule on p. 184)

**Print:** Skidmore, R. A., Thackeray, M. G., & Farley, O. W. (1997). *Introduction to social work* (7th ed.). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

### Chapter in an Edited Book (p. 202)

**Print:** Carlyle, T. (1995). The Hero as King. In J. T. Wren (Ed.), *The Leader's Companion* (pp. 53-55). New York: Free Press.

**Electronic (no DOI available, viewed through a subscription):** Lowenthal, D. (2002). The disenchanted future. In R.D. Sack (Ed.), *Progress: Geographical Essays* (pp.61-77). Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com/>

### Citation of a Work Discussed in a Secondary Source (p. 178)

**Example of in-text citation:** Glasser's study (as cited in Ellis, 1999)...

**Reference List entry to secondary source in print:** Ellis, A. (1999). Rational emotive behavior therapy as an internal control psychology. *International Journal of Reality Therapy*, 19(1), 4-11.

### Journal Article with Seven or Fewer Authors

**Print (p. 198):** Hall, D. T. (1990). Promoting work/family balance. *Organizational Dynamics*, 18(3), 5-18.

*In this example, "18" is the volume number, "3" is the issue number, and "5-18" are the page numbers.*

**Electronic with no DOI (p. 199):** Mates, B. F., & Strommen, L. (1995). Why Ernie can't read: 'Sesame Street' and literacy. *The Reading Teacher*, 49(4), 300-306. Retrieved from <http://www.reading.org/general/Publications/Journals/RT.aspx>

**Open-Access (free online) with no DOI (p.199):** Tullos, A. (2004, June 8). The Carolina Piedmont. *Southern Spaces*. Retrieved from <http://www.southernspaces.org/contents/2004/tullos/5a.htm>

*Always include the URL for open-access journals.*

### **Journal Article with Eight or More Authors (pp. 198, 184, 175)**

**Electronic with DOI (pp. 198-199):** Alejos, A., Weingartner, A. Scharff, D.P., Ablah, E., Frazier, L., Hawley, S.R.,...Wright, K.S. (2008). Ensuring the success of local public health workforce assessments: Using a participatory-based research approach with a rural population. *Public Health, 122* (12), 1447-1455. doi:10.1016/j.puhe.2008.06.008

### **Newspaper Article (p. 200)**

**Print:** Blanton, K. (2007, August 24). Short sales of homes on rise. *The Boston Globe*, pp. A1, A6.

**Electronic:** Schwirtz, M. (2009, August 13). Russian navy joins search for freighter. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

### **Magazine Article (p. 200)**

**Print:** Dicum, G. (2007, September). Eyes in the sky and on your desktop. *Sierra*, 92(5), 58-62.

**Electronic (No Author) accessed through a subscription:** A wiser wiki. (2007, May). *Utne Reader*, (141), 10-11. Retrieved from <http://www.utne.com>

### **Encyclopedia Article (pp. 204-205)**

**Print:** Corey, G. (1994). Self-esteem. In *Encyclopedia of Psychology* (Vol. 3, pp. 369-370). New York: Wiley.

**Electronic accessed through a subscription:** Kaczkowski, C. (2006). Acid-base balance. In *Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health* (2nd edition). Retrieved <http://www.gale.cengage.com>

### **Government Document (p. 205-206)**

**Electronic, agency as author:** U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2009). *Military training: DOD needs a strategic plan and better inventory and requirements data to guide development of language skills and regional proficiency : Report to Congressional committees*. (GAO Publication No. GAO-09-568). Retrieved from U.S. Government Printing Office: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS114724>

### **Interviews and Personal Communications (pp. 179, 214)**

Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications such as telephone conversations, email messages, and personal interviews are not included in the Reference list. In the text, give initials, surname of the communicator, and provide as exact a date as possible: (N. Schwartz, personal communication, April 1, 2001).

**Other types of interviews (p. 214):** Khazan, J. (1980, December 4). Oral history interview with Jibreel Khazan. Greensboro Voices. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro.

### **Miscellaneous online**

**Blog post (p. 215):** Ninja. (2009, August 9). A dollar a day [Web log message]. Retrieved from <http://www.punchdebtintheace.com>

**YouTube (p. 215):** Lustig, R.H. (2009, July 30). Sugar: The bitter truth [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBnniua6-oM>

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