

# APA—References

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## Books—Print

### **Format:**

Last name, First initial of author. (Date).

*Title*. Place of publication: Publisher.

### **Examples:**

Bais, S. (2007). *Very special relativity: An illustrated guide*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Cox, D., & Brucker, K. (2003). *The anger advantage: The surprising benefits of anger and how it can change a woman's life*. New York: Broadway Books.

## Books—Electronic

### **E-Book (from a library research database)**

Edgren, A. (2009). Nutrition through an intravenous line. In *Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine* (2009). Retrieved from Gale Virtual Reference Library.

## Periodicals—Print

### **Magazine Article (from a print source)**

#### **Format:**

Last name, First initial of author. (Date).  
Article title. *Magazine Title*, Page number.

#### **Example:**

Yu, W. (2009, February). Food cures that add up. *Prevention*, 116.

### **Journal Article (from a print source)**

#### **Format:**

Last name, First initial of author. (Date).  
Article title. *Journal Title*, journal volume number (issue number), pages.

#### **Example:**

Waymire, K. L. (2006). Codices and Aztec origin myths. *Community College Humanities Review*, 26(2), 52-75.

### **Newspaper Article (from a print source)**

#### **Format:**

Last name, First initial of author. (year, month, day published). Article title.  
*Newspaper Title*, pages.

**Example:**

Branch, J. (2009, January 10). Bull riders start trading hats for helmets. *The New York Times*, p. D1.

**Book or film review**

**Format:**

Last name, First initial of reviewer (Date of review). Title of review [Review of the book *Title of book*, by First initial, Last name of author]. *Title of Reviewing Source*, volume number, issue number.

**Example:**

Malanowski, J. (2009, July/August). Coke and me [Review of *Belching out the devil: Global adventures with Coca-Cola*, by M. Thomas]. *Washington Monthly*, 41(7/8).

**Periodicals—Electronic**

**Magazine Article (from a library research database)**

**Format:**

Last name, First initial of author. (Date).  
Article title. *Magazine Title*, page number. Retrieved from Name of Library Research Database.

**Example:**

Yu, W. (2009, February). Food cures that add up. *Prevention*, 116. Retrieved from General Onefile.

**Journal Article (from a library research database)**

**Format:**

Last name, First initial of author. (Date).  
Article title. *Journal Title*, journal volume number (issue number), pages. Retrieved from Name of Library Research Database.

**Example:**

Gurr, A. (2009, April). Did Shakespeare own his own playbooks?" *Review of English Studies*, 60(244), 206-229. Retrieved from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

**Journal Article (from an online journal)**

Webster, K. (2009, September-October). Mitochondrial death channels. *American Scientist*, 97(5), n.pag. Retrieved from <http://www.americanscientist.org/>

**Journal Article (with a DOI, from an online journal)**

The DOI (digital object identifier) is a relatively new (and relatively uncommon, at least for now) alphanumeric code that appears on some electronic journal articles and is preferred by APA over the URL. If you can't find a DOI for the source, use the URL.

**Example:**

Greenberg, S.A. (2009, July 21). How citation distortions create unfounded authority: Analysis of a citation network. *BMJ*, 339, 1-14. doi:10.1136/bmj.b2680

**Newspaper Article (from a library research database)**

**Format:**

Last name, First initial of author. (year, month, day published). Article title. *Newspaper Title*, pages. Retrieved from Name of Library Research Database.

**Example:**

Branch, J. (2009, January 10). Bull riders start trading hats for helmets. *The New York Times*, p. D1. Retrieved from The New York Times Database.

**Newspaper Article (from an online newspaper)**

Broad, W. (2009, August 24). Diving deep for a living fossil. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/>

<b>Websites</b>
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This is the general format for citing a website. Keep in mind that many sites do not provide complete citation information. Use n.d. for no date. The Web page is given in italics; then giving the title of the Web site is not necessary as the Web address takes care of that. If there is no Web page but rather the entire Web site is being cited, then give just the title of the Website in regular type. Include retrieval dates when the information may change over time.

**Format:**

Last name, First initial of author [if available—if not, use organization name, *Web page name*, or Web site name]. (Year, month day published). *Title of Web page* or Title of Web site [if necessary]. Retrieved from [retrieval date if necessary] web address

**Examples:**

Cassandra Wilson. (2009, June 19).

Retrieved from  
<http://www.allaboutjazz.com/php/musician.php?id=11433>

Thomas Pynchon Home Page. (1997).

Retrieved August 24, 2009, from  
<http://www.pynchon.pomona.edu/>

World Wildlife Fund. (n.d.). *Giant panda*.

Retrieved October 11, 2009, from  
<http://www.worldwildlife.org/species/finder/giantpanda/>

**Weblogs (Blogs)**

Treat a blog as you would a website.

**Example:**

West, J. (2009, August 31). *Librarians and roller derby*. Retrieved from  
[www.librarian.net](http://www.librarian.net)

**Audiovisual Sources**

**Motion Picture, DVD, or Video**

**Format:**

Last name, First initial of producer.  
(Producer), & Last name, First initial of director. (Director). (Year). Title

[Medium]. Country of origin: Studio or production company.

**Examples:**

Polone, G. (Producer), & Koepp, D. (Director). 2008. *Ghost town* [DVD]. United States: Dream Works Home Entertainment.

Hudson, R. (Producer), & Houston, B. (Director). (2002). *Mighty times: The legacy of Rosa Parks* [Video]. United States: Teaching Tolerance.

**Audio Recording (CD, LP, Audiocassette)**

**Format:**

Last name, First initial of writer. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recorded by First initial last name of artist if different from writer]. On *Title of album* [Medium of recording]. Location: Label. (Date of recording if different from song copyright date).

**Examples:**

Brown, J. (1991). Papa's got a brand new bag, pt. 1. On *20 all time greatest hits* [CD]. New York, NY: Polydor Records.

Rabi, A. (1992). A song in the mountains. On *Blue camel* [CD]. Germany: Mesa.