

APA Style: ELECTRONIC DATABASES

This handout provides information on how to...

- document articles from Begley Library's electronic databases for an APA style reference list.
- cite sources within your paper (Parenthetical citation) according to APA style
- cite sources on a separate References page according to APA style.

This information is not all-inclusive.

For a complete guide to using APA style, see the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 5th edition, available in Begley Library.

To reference a work from an electronic database, include the following information:

- Author(s)
- Year of publication
- Article title
- Publication title
- Volume number
- Page number(s)
- Date article accessed (date of retrieval)
- Name of database

General Format

Rules to follow when constructing your APA reference list:

1. The order in which you put your reference together will vary depending on whether the information you've accessed over the database was originally published in a journal, magazine, newspaper, reference book, or other source. Ask a Librarian, Learning Center staff member, or your instructor if you need assistance deciding what kind of source your information is from.
2. When referencing material obtained from an electronic database, follow the format appropriate to the work retrieved (i.e., journal, newspaper, etc.) and add a retrieval statement that gives the date you accessed the document and the name of the database.
3. When indicating the author(s) of the article, use the following format: last name, first initial, second initial if given. For example, John P. Smith would be Smith, J. P.
4. When creating a reference list, arrange citations in alphabetical order by author's last name. Works without an author should be in alphabetical order by the first significant word in the title. "The" and "a" are not significant words. For more information see Section 4.04 of the *Publication Manual*.
5. The formats for 1 author, 2 authors, 3-6 authors and more than 6 authors illustrated in the journal examples below should be followed when referencing articles from other sources as well.

Examples:

Journal Article from an electronic database

▪ **(1 author)**

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume*, page number-page number. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Journal Article from an electronic database

▪ **(2 authors)**

Author, A. A. & Author, C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume*, page number-page number. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Journal Article from an electronic database

▪ **(3-6 authors)**

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C., & Author, D. D. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume*, page number-page number. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Journal Article from an electronic database

▪ **(more than 6 authors)**

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C., Author D. D. Author, E., Author F., et al. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume*, page number-page number. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Magazine Article from an electronic database

Author, A. A., & Author, B. (Year, Month, day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine, Volume*, page number-page number. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Newsletter Article from an electronic database

Author, A. A. Title of article. *Title of Newsletter, volume*, page number-page number.

Newspaper Article from an electronic database

Author, A. A. Title of article. (Year, Month, day). *Title of Newspaper*, p. number. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Newspaper Article from an electronic database

▪ **(no author)**

Title of article. (Year, Month, day). *Title of Newspaper*, p. number. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Newspaper Article from an electronic database

▪ **(discontinuous pages)**

Author, A. (Year, Month, day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, pp. number, number.

Reference Book Article from an electronic database

Author, A. (Year). Title of article or chapter. *Title of reference book* (Vol. #, pp. #-#). Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Specific Examples

Articles from databases currently available through Begley Library (in alphabetical order):

- **Academic Search Premier (Journal)**

Powers, V. (2004). Keeping work and life in balance. *T & D*, 58, 32-35. Retrieved June 17, 2005, from EBSCOHost Academic Search Premier database.

- **ARTstor (Image)**
Monet, Claude. (1890) Haystacks at the end of summer, in the morning. University of California, San Diego. Retrieved June 20, 2005, from ARTstor database.
- **ArticleFirst (Magazine)**
Rodale, M., & Phillips, E. (1999, March 01). Greener and cleaner. *Audubon*, 80. Retrieved July 3, 2006, from ArticleFirst database.
- **Business & Company Resource Center (journal article)**
Vence, D. L. Ad campaign, simplicity drive sales of apple ipod. (2004, December 15). *Marketing News*, p. 16-17. Retrieved June 20, 2005, from Business & Company Resource Center database.
- **Career & Vocational Database (journal article)**
Penman, S. H., & Xiao-Jun, Z. (2002). Accounting conservatism, the quality of earnings, and stock returns. *Accounting Review*, 77, 237-265. Retrieved June 21, 2005, from Career & Vocational database.
- **CINHAL Plus (Journal)**
Murdock, J.E. (2000) LPN to RN articulation: a collaborative solution. *Connecticut Nursing News*, 73, 14. Retrieved July 6, 2006 from EBSCOHost CINAHL Select database.
- **CINAHL Select (Magazine)**
Evans, M. (2005, April 11) Another Nursing Shortage. *Modern Healthcare*, 36-37. Retrieved July 6, 2006 from EBSCOHost CINAHL Select database.
- **CLASE/Periodica (Magazine)**
Kondratyev, K. (1991, July). New Assessments of Global Climate Change. *Atmosfera*, 177-188. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from OCLC CLASE/Periodica database.
- **CQ Researcher (Journal article)**
Greenblatt, A. (2005, April 29). Upward mobility. *The CQ Researcher Online*, 15, 369-392. Retrieved June 20, 2005, from CQ Researcher database.
- **Custom Newspapers (Newspaper)**
Johnson, K. (2005, August 11). Favorite Son. *St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MO)*, 17. Retrieved July 6, 2006 Thompson Gale Custom Newspapers database.
- **E-Books Index (Book)**
Asayesh, G. (1999). *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America*. Boston: Beacon Press. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from EBooks Index: <http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org>.
- **ECO Electronic Collections Online Index (Journal)**
Gonzalez-San Josb. L. (2006). Relationships Among Colorimetric Parameters of Rosb Wines Evaluated by Different Methods. *Journal of Wine Research*, 17, 35-43. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from ECO Index Database.
- **Education Research Complete (Journal)**
Dillon, S. (2006). Assessing the Positive Influence of Music Activities in Community Development Programs. *Music Education Research*, 8, 267-280. Retrieved June 17, 2005 from EBSCOHost Education Research Complete database.

- **ERIC (ERIC article)**

Rychebusch, J., Miller, H., Fulmer, K., Fontanez, M., Ellis, T., DiBlasi, F. P., et al. (2003). *Single versus dual paycheck : Married parents' attitudes about maternal employment*. PA: Ursinus College. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED482761)

➤ *If the Report Number is indicated, include that in your citation as well, as in the following example:*

Mead, J. V. (1992). *Looking at old photographs: Investigating the teacher tales that novice teachers bring with them* (Report No. NCTRL-RR-92-4). East Lansing, MI: National Center for Research on Teacher Learning. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED346082)

- **HarpWeek (newspaper article)**

The present peril. (1865, June 24). *Harper's Weekly*, 9, 386. Retrieved June 22, 2005, from HarpWeek database.

- **Health Reference Center – Academic (Magazine)**

Vitamins: The Quest for Just the Right Amount (2004, June). *Harvard Health Letter*, 1. Retrieved June 22, 2005 from Thompson Gale Health Reference Center – Academic database.

- **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition (Journal)**

Zepf, B. (2005). Drug Therpay for Patients with Alzheimer's Disease. *American Family Physician*, 71. Retrieved June 22, 2005 from EBSCOHost Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition database.

- **Hospitality & Tourism Index (EBSCO) (magazine article)**

Berush, B. (2005, May 16). Work begins on Waikiki beach walk project. *Travel Weekly*, 64, 30. Retrieved June 22, 2005, from EBSCOHost Hospitality & Tourism Index database.

- **Informe (journal article)**

Duncan, R. H. (1998). Embracing a suitable past: Independence celebrations under Mexico's second empire, 1864-6. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 30, 249-278. Retrieved June 22, 2005, from ¡Informe! (Revistas en Español) database.

- **LexisNexis Academic Universe (newspaper article)**

Baird, S. Blogging about Boston's best burritos he tracks tastes and takes names. (2005, June 5). *Boston Globe*, 12. Retrieved June 20, 2005, from LexisNexis Academic database.

- **Literature Resource Center (Journal)**

Janik, D. I. (1989). History and the "here and now": the novels of Graham Swift. *Twentieth Century Literature* (Vol. 35, pp. 74-88). Retrieved June 20, 2005, from Literature Resource Center database.

- **MasterFile Premier (Journal)**

Powers, V. (2004). Keeping Work and Life in Balance. *T & D*, 58, 32-35. Retrieved June 17, 2005 from EBSCOHost MasterFile Premier database.

- **Medline (Journal)**

Cappello, S.A., Kogan, B.A., Giorgi, L.J. Jr, & Kaufman, R.P. Jr (2005). Prenatal ultrasound has led to earlier detection and repair of ureteropelvic junction obstruction. *The Journal of Urology*, 174, 1425-8. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from EBSCOHost Medline database.

- **Military and Government Collection (Journal)**
 Hosenball, M. (2006, July 03). North Korea and Iraq: Trumped-up Threats? *Newsweek*, 11. Retrieved July, 05 2006 from EBSCOHost Military & Government Collection database.
- **National Newspaper Index (Newspaper)**
 Buisier, M. (2006, June 02). Death in Darfur. *The Wall Street Journal [New York, NY] Eastern Edition: A18*. Retrieved July 6, 2006 from Thompson Gale National Newspaper Index database.
- **New York Newspapers (Newspaper)**
 Anderson, E. (2006, June). Report Card Compares Hospitals' Stays and Costs. *Times Union [Albany, NY] 27, A18*. Retrieved July 6, 2006 from Thompson Gale New York Newspapers database.
- **New York Times full text archive (1851-2003) (newspaper format)**
 Yankees to build stadium in Bronx; How the Yankees' stadium will look when completed. (1921, February 6). *New York Times*, p. 20. Retrieved June 20, 2005, from The Historical New York Times database.
- **Opposing Viewpoints (magazine article)**
 Mennetts, Leslie. (2001, May 8). Computers can make students more interested in learning. *Family PC*, 8, 76. Retrieved May 5, 2005, from Opposing Viewpoints database.
- **PapersFirst (Journal)**
 Lee, J. (2005). Controlling and Enhancing the Information Society in the United States. *International Federation for Information Processing 179*, 87-98. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from OCLC PapersFirst database.
- **Pre-CINAHL (Journal)**
 Jacobs, P.M. (2006). Streamlining an RN-BSN Program for Nurses. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 27, 144-7. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from EBSCOHost Pre-CINAHL database.
- **Proceedings First (Papers – Lecture or Conference topic)**
 Gannot, I. (2006, January 15). Optical Fibers and Sensors for Medical Diagnostics and Treatment ApplicationsVI. Electronics Imaging Conference. *Proceedings, The International Society for Optical Engineering. San Jose Convention Center, San Jose, CA*. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from OCLC FirstSearch database.
- **Professional Development Collection (Journal)**
 Jacobson, L. (2006). Teach for America Goes to Preschool. *Education Week*, 25, 8. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from EBSCOHost Professional Development Collection database.
- **PsycARTICLES (journal article)**
 Chapell, M. S., Blanding, Z. B., Silverstein, M. E., Takahashi, M., Newman, B., Gubi, A., et al. (2005) Test anxiety and academic performance in undergraduate and graduate schools. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 97, 268-274. Retrieved June 20, 2005, from PsycARTICLES database.
- **Regional Business News (Magazine)**
 Henricks, M. (2006, June 12). How to Read Like an Entrepreneur. *Crain's Chicago Business*, 28. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from EBSCOHost Regional Business News database.

- **ScienceDirect**

Fielding, C. R. & Alexander, J. (2001). Fossil trees in ancient fluvial channel deposits: evidence of seasonal and longer-term climatic variability. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*, 170, 59-80. Retrieved June 20, 2005, from Science Direct database.

- **SUNYDSpace Digital Collections (Image)**

Ferriss, Hugh (1929). Metropolis of Tomorrow. *SUNYDSpace*. Retrieved July 6, 2006 from SUNYDSpace database.

- **Virtual Reference Library (Encyclopedia)**

Alienikoff, T.A. (2000). Immigration and Alienage. *Encyclopedia of the American Constitution*. Retrieved July 6, 2006 from Thompson Gale Virtual Reference Library database.

- **World Almanac (Reference Book)**

Costa Rica (2006). *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from OCLC World Almanac database.

Sample Parenthetical Citations (Citing WITHIN your Paper)

In general, parenthetical citations are used within the text of your paper. The primary purpose for citing information within the paper is to allow the reader to quickly go back to the References page and find the full citation. The second reason is to be sure that you are citing material and giving the proper credit.

The general format for a parenthetical citation is:

(Last name of author(s), date of publication)

For example, let's say the citation in your References looks like this:

Zepf, B. (2005). Drug Therapy for Patients with Alzheimer's Disease. *American Family Physician*, 71. Retrieved June 22, 2005 from EBSCOHost Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition database.

Your parenthetical citation within the text of your paper would look like this:

► Families dealing with Alzheimers disease encounter difficulty accessing social services for which they are qualified (Zepf, 2005).

As you can see, if someone is reading your paper, they will easily see the (Zepf, 2005) citation, and can easily find it in the References page...Author and Date.

Other Formats:

The above example was for citing a database article which has an author and publication date. This format is fine if you indeed have those parts. But what if it's a website, or something with no author.

A common situation is an encyclopedia article with no author or ANY article with no author.

The present peril. (1865, June 24). *Harper's Weekly*,9, 386. Retrieved June 22, 2005, from HarpWeek database.

If there is no author, but there is a title, use the title in the parenthetical citation along with the year it was published:

- The Civil War was fought, with both sides believing that God was on their side ("The Present Peril", 1865).

To site a specific PART of a source, a bit more information is required. You must indicate the page, chapter, figure, table, or equation at the appropriate point within the text. See examples below:

Assuming the citations in the References page look like this:

Costa Rica (2006). *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*. Retrieved July 5, 2006 from OCLC World Almanac database.

NOTE: Please note that there is no author for this References citation. This is commonly found in Encyclopedias and many websites. The title takes the place of the author when listing the citation in the References page as well as when cited within the text of the paper.

The Parenthetical Citation could look like this:

"The country of Costa Rica, when translated into English, literally means rich coast" ("Costa Rica", par. 3, 2006).

To the reader, this would indicate that the particular idea or quote was found in the third paragraph of the encyclopedia article found online.

Also note that there was NO author for this article. If you cannot find an author for the article and/or website, use the title, then the page/paragraph number, then the year if available.

NOTE: On internet sites, including electronic encyclopedias, web pages, and, at times, databases, the page numbers as they appear in the PRINTED version are not given. Therefore, the paragraphs need to be included as part of the citation information.

You can get inventive with how you cite sources by including the author as part of your text and citing the year in parenthesis as described below:

Source-reflective statements give you an opportunity to assert your authorial voice.

Writers use source-reflective statements to provide editorial comment, clarification, qualification, amplification, dissent, agreement, and so on. In the following example, the absence of a source-reflective statement creates uncertainty as to whether the writer has finished citing an Internet source or has merely moved from quoting directly to paraphrasing.

- ▶ Sosteric (1996, Introduction) has noted that "exponential growth of the primary literature coupled with an explosive growth in the cost of distributing scholarly information has put serious strain on the financial resources of libraries and universities." This demand for and cost of distributing primary literature suggests that we can expect more electronic journals to appear online in the next few years—surely a benefit to scholarly communication.

The above samples are provided as accurate examples as far as format is concerned. The most common situations are presented above. If your situation is not represented here, please see pages 207-214 in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association; 5th edition (Ready Reference Shelf).

Sample References Page

A Sample of how your page should be set-up.

References

- Berkowitz, R. I., Wadden, T. A., Tershakovec, A. M., & Cronquist, J. L. (2003). Behavior therapy and sibutramine for the treatment of adolescent obesity [Electronic version]. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *289*, 1805-1812.
- Carmona, R. H. (2004, March 2). *The growing epidemic of childhood obesity*. Testimony before the Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Retrieved October 10, 2004, from <http://www.hhs.gov/asl/testify/t040302.html>
- Critser, G. (2003). *Fat land: How Americans became the fattest people in the world*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.
- Duenwald, M. (2004, January 6). Slim pickings: Looking beyond ephedra. *The New York Times*, p. F1. Retrieved October 12, 2004, from LexisNexis.
- Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. (2004, February). *The role of media in childhood obesity*. Retrieved October 10, 2004, from <http://www.kff.org/entmedia/7030.cfm>
- Hilts, P. J. (2002, March 20). Petition asks for removal of diet drug from market. *The New York Times*, p. A26. Retrieved October 12, 2004, from LexisNexis.
- Hoppin, A. G., & Taveras, E. M. (2004, June 25). Assessment and management of childhood and adolescent obesity. *Clinical Update*. Retrieved October 12, 2004, from Medscape Web site: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/481633>

Source: Diana Hacker (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's 2006).

List of references begins on a new page. Heading is centered.

List is alphabetized by authors' last names. All authors' names are inverted.

The first line of an entry is at the left margin; subsequent lines indent 1/2" (or five spaces).

Double-spacing is used throughout.