APA (6TH EDITION) REFERENCES PAGE FAQ

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Please note: This information applies to the 6th edition of APA, which was replaced by the 7th edition in October 2019. If APA is required for your assignment, check with your instructor to see whether you should use the 6th or 7th edition (if 7th, please refer to our 7th edition guides).

How should italics be used in APA citations?

Titles of full publications should be italicized. Books, magazines, newspapers, journals, movies, TV shows, plays, websites, and albums are all full publications.

Examples: *The Hobbit, Rolling Stone, The New York Times, NCIS, Our Town, CNN.com.*

What gets put in quotes?

Quotation marks are only needed in the References section if they are part of the original title. The effectiveness of the "Cloverleaf" learning model in early childhood education

What gets italicized AND put in quotes?

Italics and quotation marks are used for titles of full publications that have quotation marks as a part of the original title.

Case studies from the "Recover Your Life" addiction recovery program

Where can I find publication information in a book I want to cite?

Publication information such as the publisher, the publisher's location, and the copyright date usually can be found on the back of the title page of a book. These items and other miscellaneous information are usually found before the "Table of Contents" page.

Where can I find the information I need on a website?

The bottom of most web pages usually contains the copyright holder and year of publication. The copyright holder is usually the publishing organization. If you cannot find the information, then on the "References" page leave the author blank; put "n. p." for "no publisher," and put "n.d." for "no date." Please note that if you cannot find the article title, author, or organization, you may want to reconsider using that site as a source, as it is less likely to be credible.

Can I just put the URL as my citation in the References page?

No. You will, however, need to include it as part of your References section (see pg. 3 for instructions on how to cite a web page).

Are articles from the library databases formatted the same way as websites?

No. Database entries have their own format, as do books, journal articles, and other web documents from databases.

If you are citing a book:

Author's last name, Author's first (and second) initial(s). (Year). *Title in italics* (Edition [# ed.],

      Volume [Vol. #] [if listed]). City, State abbreviation or country: Publisher.

Smith, T. J. (1952). *My travels in the forest* (13th ed.). Katy, TX: Notarealbook.

      Note: Proper nouns are still capitalized in the title

Smith, T. J. (1952). *My travels in the United Kingdom* (13th ed.). Katy, TX: Notarealbook.

If there are two authors:

Malfoy, D., & Longbottom, L. (2011). *Potions of death: What they are and how to make them*.

      London: Notarealbook.

If there are three to seven authors:

Granger, H., Potter, H., Lovegood, L., Weasley, G., & Weasley, R. (2014). *On the run: How we*

      spent our last year of school dodging Death Eaters. London: Notarealbook.

If there are more than seven authors: List the first six names, followed by an ellipsis, then the very last name that appears in the work.

Sparkle, T., Pie, P., Dash, R., Bell, S. T., Bloom, A., Celestia, P., . . . Luna, P. (1860). A brief history

      of Equestria. *Equestria Daily, 17*, 34-42.

If you are citing a book with an editor or editors:

Editor name(s) followed by (Ed. or Eds.). (Year). *Title in italics*. City, State: Publisher.

Burgundy, R. (Ed.). (2013). *Stories (almost) as awesome as me.* San Diego, CA: Notarealbook.

If you are citing a work in an anthology or a chapter in a book.

Author. (Year). Title of chapter or entry. In A. A. Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* (page range). City,

      State: Publisher.

Oakenshield, T. (2013). Looking for the Arkenstone. In B. Baggins & F. Baggins (Eds.), *Tales from*

      beneath the Lonely Mountain (pp. 103-132). Lake Town, PA: Notarealbook.

If you are citing an article in a print journal:

Author. (Year). Title of the article. *Journal Title, volume number*(issue number), pages.

Skywalker, L. (1976). Study of light sabre wounds in clones. *Jedi Quarterly, 12*(2), 23-45.

If you are citing an online journal

Use the format for a print journal but add the DOI or the website URL if there is no DOI. The DOI

is formatted as follows: "doi:[no space]10.[remaining numbers and letters]"

Kirk, J. T. (2281). Crushing the Kobayashi Maru: Why there are no unwinnable situations.

      Starfleet Officer Digest, 12(2), 1-8. doi:10.1013/sod/14.2.001

If you are citing a website:

Author (or corporate author). (full date of publication [if possible; if no date, type "n.d."]). *Title*

      of document. Retrieved from URL

Everdeen, K. (2013, November 13). *Making your first bow*. Retrieved from

      http://www.mockingjaymarksman ship.com/making_your_first_bow.html

If you are citing a publication from an online database:

Author. (Year). Article title. *Journal Title, Volume*(Issue). Pages used. DOI

Wayne, B. (2002). Getting blood stains out of spandex. *Caped Crusader Chronicles, 13*(5), 17-22.

   Doi:10.1696/453

If there is no DOI:

Wayne, B. (2002). Getting blood stains out of spandex. *Caped Crusader Chronicles, 13*(5), 17-22.

   Retrieved from http://www.notarealarticle.com

If you are citing a religious work:

Well-known religious texts, such as the Bible or Qur'an, do not need to be cited in the References page. However, you must include an in-text citation indicating the book chapter, verse, and translation. Here are two ways to perform an in-text citation:

Ex1:
In Psalm 91:11 (The New American Standard Bible), it states "For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways."

Ex2:
"Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, the Beneficent, the Merciful" (Qur'an 1:2-3, Pickthall).

If you are citing a personal interview, private letter, etc.:

Similar to religious works, APA does not require you to add personal communication into the References. Instead, you will write an in-text citation that includes name, "personal communication," and full date (if available).

J. Johnson (personal communication, May 5, 2015) stated dogs fight better than cats.
OR
Dogs fight better than cats (J. Johnson, personal communication, May 5, 2015).

If you are citing a film or motion picture:

Producer, F.M. (Producer), & Director, F.M. (Director). (Year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion

   picture]. Country of origin: Studio or distributor.

Kurtz, G. (Producer), & Lucas, G. W. (Director). (1977). *Star Wars episode IV: A new hope*

[Motion picture]. United States: 20th Century Fox.