

**AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) FORMAT, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2010)**  
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**NOTES:**

\*Every line in the paper, including long quotes and works cited, should be double-spaced.

\* Long quotes of more than 40 words should be block-indented and quotation marks omitted.

\* Cite classical works such as the Bible or Qur'an or personal communications in the text only; do not include them in the References. For example, an in-text Biblical citation would read "1 Cor. 13:1 (Revised Standard Version)."

\* For additional information, refer to the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* or come to the Writing Center.

**IN-TEXT CITATIONS**

In-text citations include the author's name and date of publication. The page number must be included if the cited material is a direct quotation; however, APA encourages you to include the page number for paraphrases also. If no date is available, use the abbreviation "n.d."

*Examples:* As Childs (2008) reports, "the number of people suffering Multiple Personality Disorder continues to grow" (p. 32).

Childs (2008) reports an increase in Multiple Personality Disorders.

Mental health workers are warned that "The number of people suffering Multiple Personality Disorder continues to grow" (Childs, 2008, p. 32).

In a work with two authors, give the names of both authors. Use an ampersand to join their names within the parentheses.

*Example:* Experts assert: "The study of mathematics is an integral part of secondary education" (Smith & Jones, 2005, p. 11).

In a work with three to five authors, use all authors' names for the first citation. In subsequent citations, use only the first author's name followed by "et al."

*Example:* Educational psychologists comment that "raising children is the primary responsibility of the entire community" (Franklin, Childs, & Smith, 1965, p. 120). To be successful, "communities must be willing to take this responsibility" (Franklin et al., p. 135).

In a work with six or more authors, use only the first author's name for all citations, followed by "et al."

*Example:* The biologists' approach to the problem was to examine the genetic component of behavior (Anderson et al., 1999).

If one author has several publications in the same year, distinguish among them in the reference section by adding a small letters "a," "b," "c" after the year of publication. In the text, use the year and small letter.

*Example:* According to Jones (1993a), children under the age of five should be supervised.

Use only the author's last name unless there are two authors with the same last name. In this case, use the initials only of their first names to distinguish between them.

*Example:* Researchers such as I. Anderson (2001) and M. Anderson (1999) agree that stem cell research must proceed within strict ethical guidelines.

Use secondary sources sparingly. List the primary source in the References and in-text use the words "as cited in."

## REFERENCES

- ▶ **Alphabetize sources** by the author's last name followed by initials only of the first name. Retain the order of the authors' names as they appear in the book or periodical. **Do not use separate categories for books, periodicals, etc.**
- ▶ If no author's name is given, which occurs in some newsletter or newspaper articles, use the first significant word in the title of the article (omit words such as "The" and "An").
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- ▶ The first line should be flush with the left margin, and all subsequent lines should be indented five spaces (use Control+T in Microsoft Word).
- ▶ **Double space all entries.**

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Miller, S. (1991). *The differences between men and women*. New York: University of New York Press.

### Book with Two or More Authors:

Curtis, A. P., Barlow, J., & Hill, E. (1955). *Philosophy and fairy tales*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

If there are more than six authors, include the names of the first six and use the abbreviation "et al." for the rest.

### Book with Editors or Editions:

Peterson, L. H., Hartman, J. E., & Brereton, J. C. (Eds.). (1996). *The Norton reader: An anthology of expository prose* (9th ed.). New York: W. W. Norton.

### Chapter in an Edited Book:

Hemingway, E. (1933/1997). A clean, well-lighted place. In L. G. Kirsznner & S. R. Mandell (Eds.), *Literature: Reading, reacting, writing* (3rd ed., pp. 256-60). New York: Harcourt Brace.

### Journal Paginated by Volume:

Baker, J. (1994, November). Social responsibility and endemic disease. *The New Yorker*, 65, 912-13.

If the periodical is paginated by issue, italicize the volume number only and include the issue number in parentheses, followed by a comma, i.e., *The New Yorker*, 65 (3), 65-72.

### Newspaper Article:

Moulton, A. (1997, September 11). Scam artists latching on to internet. *The Denver Post*, 2A-3A.