

Citing Sources Using ASA Format

The American Sociological Association Style Guide is used primarily by those in the field of Sociology. This handout gives examples of the format used for parenthetical references and the reference list at the end of your paper. Remember to sort your reference list alphabetically by author. For further assistance in, refer to the guides listed below.

American Sociological Association Style Guide.
Grafton Library Ready Ref HM569.A54 2007

A Guide to Writing Sociology Papers
Grafton Library Ready Ref HM585.G78 2008

The Parenthetical Reference

Basic Format

Within the text of your paper, you acknowledge sources by including brief citations in your text (authors' name date) to an alphabetical list of references at the end of the paper.

Example

(Hayes and Rupp 1995)

The Reference List

Book

Basic Format

Author. Date. *Full Title of Book Including Subtitle*. Place of Publication: Publisher's Name.

Example

Maimon, Elaine P. 1981. *Writing in the Arts and Sciences*. Boston: Little, Brown.

Book Chapter

Basic Format

Author. Date. "Title of Entry." Pages in *Title of Book*, edited by editor's name. Place of Publication: Publisher's Name.

Example

Cardoso, Rosemarie S. 2000. "Art of the Civil War." Pp. 112-117 in *The American Civil War*, edited by David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Journal Article

Basic Format

Author. Date. "Title of the Article." *Journal Title* Volume(Issue):Pages.

Example

Mori, Kyoko. 2001. "Staying True to the Story." *The Writer* 114(3):26-27.

Journal Article from a Full-Text Database

Basic Format

Author. Date. "Title of the Article." *Journal Title* Volume(Issue):Pages. (Retrieved from Database Name on Month DD, YYYY.)

Example

Murray, Aife. 1999. "Miss Margaret's Emily Dickinson." *Signs* 24(2):697. (Retrieved from JSTOR on September 15, 2009.)

Web Site with an Unknown Location

Basic Format

Author/Editor/Institution or Sponsoring Organization. Year. "Title of Website." Retrieved Month DD, YYYY (URL of specific document).

Example

Shiva, Vandana. "Bioethics: A Third World Issue." Retrieved February 24, 2004 (<http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/shiva.html>).

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