

Citing Sources Using APA Format

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APA web site <http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html>

APA Style from *Online! A Reference Guide to Using Internet Resources* by Andrew Harnack and Eugene Kleppinger, <http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/cite6.html>

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Book

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Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher.

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Maimon, P., Belcher, G. L., Hearn, G. W., Nodine, B. F. & O'Connor, F. W. (1981). *Writing in the arts and sciences*. Boston: Little, Brown.

Electronic Book from a Database

Basic Format

Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher. Retrieved Month Day, Year from Source database.

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Maimon, P., Belcher, G. L., Hearn, G. W., Nodine, B. F. & O'Connor, F. W. (1981). *Writing in the arts and sciences*. Boston: Little, Brown. Retrieved February 3, 2003 from netLibrary database.

Book Chapter

Basic Format

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of Publication). Title of chapter. In A. Editor, B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example

O'Neil, J. M., & Egan, J. (1992). Men's and women's gender role journeys: Metaphor for healing, transition, and transformation. In B. R. Wainrib (Ed.), *Gender issues across the life cycle* (pp. 107-123). New York: Springer.

Journal Article (Note: Formats for journal, magazine, and newspaper articles differ. See the manuals listed above for guidance.)

Basic Format

Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal, Volume, Pages.*

Example

Woodford, F. P. (1967). Sounder thinking through clearer writing. *Science, 156, 743-745.*

Periodical Article from a Full-Text Database

Basic Format

Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal, Volume, Pages.* Retrieved Month Day, Year from Source database.

Example

Harris, K., Melaas, K., Rodacker, E. (1999). The impact of women's studies courses on college students of the 1990s. *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research, 40, 969-977.* Retrieved May 3, 2000 from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

Web Document

Basic Format

Author/Editor, A. A. (Last Update or Copyright Date). *Title of Document.* Retrieved Month Day, Year from Source

Example

American Association of University Women Public Policy and Government Relations Department. (2000, January). *Affirmative action fact sheet.* Retrieved May 3, 2000 from <http://www.aauw.org/1000/fspp.html>

Stand-Alone Internet Document With No Author And No Date

Basic Format

Title of Document. (n.d. for no date). Retrieved Month Day, Year from Source

Example

GVU's 8th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from http://ww.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user_serveys/survey-1997-10/