Preparing a Reference List in APA Style

General Formatting

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• Double space all entries, with no skipped spaces between entries.
• Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a book, article or Web page title, the first word after a color or dash in the title, and proper nouns. Capitalize all major words in journal titles.
• If a reference has more than 7 authors, list the first 6 authors and then uses ellipses ( . . .) after the 6th author’s name. List the last author’s name after the ellipses.
• If an article that is available electronically has been assigned a DOI (digital object identifier), include the DOI in the citation. If no DOI has been assigned, include the URL or library database information in the citation.

Basic Formats & Examples

Article

Scholarly Article in a Journal Paginated by Issue:

Basic Format:


Example:


Scholarly Article in a Journal Paginated by Volume:

Basic Format:

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Example:


Magazine Article:

Basic Format:

Digital Object Identifier / Retrieved from Database Name

Example:


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Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper, Pages*. Digital Object Identifier / Retrieved from Database Name

Example:


Book

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book*. Publisher City, Publisher State Abbreviation: Publisher.

Example:

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Use pp. before the page numbers of the specific essay or chapter.

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), Title of book (pages of chapter). Publisher City, Publisher State Abbreviation: Publisher.

Example:


Web Site

Basic Format:


Example:


Article in a Web Periodical
If an article has been assigned a DOI (digital object identifier), include the DOI in the citation. If no DOI has been assigned, include the URL in the citation.

Basic Format:

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Example:

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