

APA Format Guide - References

APA - or the American Psychological Association - developed the APA citation style specifically for scientists to have a more streamlined form of citation for their research. While historians tend to favor Chicago style for its footnotes and literary critics are drawn to MLA because of its emphasis on location of information, APA values the currency of the research - the year it was published. As such, when creating references for APA, the information directly following the author's name is the date - this is the primary difference between MLA and APA styles.

For your reference page, the title of the page should be centered and all of the references should be placed in alphabetical order by last name. All references should also be in hanging indent form.

Book citations for APA include the following information:

- Author's first and last name. First name is written as an initial.
- Year of publication.
- Book title in italics.
- Edition of the book (if applicable).
- Place of Publication.
- Publisher.

Example of book with one author:

Standage, T. (2013). *Writing on the wall: social media the first 2,000 years*. Great Britain: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Example of book with two authors, separate them by an ampersand instead of "and":

DeTerlizzi, T. & Black, H. (2003). *Spiderwick chronicles: the field guide*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Example of book with multiple authors:

Star, F., Podhorodecki, S., Baines, F., Bingham, C., Galbraith, C., Hawkes, C., Mumford, S., Pyke, V., & Sich, J. (2015). *World war ii: visual encyclopedia*. New York: Penguin Random House.

Journal citations for APA include the following information:

- Author's first and last name. Follow rules given for multiple authors in book citation example.
- Year of Publication.
- Title of Article (only the first letter of the first word in the article title is capitalized).
- Name of Journal (in italics).
- Volume of Journal (in italics).
- Issue of Journal (no italics).
- Page Range of Article.
- DOI (Digital Object Identifier) or URL.

Example:

Levin, Alex V. (2010). Do i have an ethical dilemma? *Oman Journal of Ophthalmology*, 3 (2), 49-50, doi: [10.4103/0974-620X.64226](https://doi.org/10.4103/0974-620X.64226).

Website citations for APA include the following information:

- Author's first and last name. Follow rules given for multiple authors in book citation example.
- Year of Publication.
- Title of Article (only the first letter of the first word in the article title is capitalized)..
- Name of Website (in italics).
- URL.

Example:

Sullivan, Helen. (2020). Some of australia's smallest species could be lost to wildfires.

The New York Times. Retrieved from: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/09/science/australia-fire-ecology-insects.html>.

For a full example of a Reference page, see the next page.

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