



Library and Learning Resources

CITATION FORMATS FOR ONLINE RESOURCES: APA Format

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ARTICLES FROM ONLINE PERIODICAL DATABASES (Infotrac, Newsbank, etc.)

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number (issue number), page numbers. Retrieval Statement which is the date of access and the name of the database.

**Journal Example:
(with issue number)**

Schraw, G., & Graham, T. (1997). Helping gifted students develop metacognitive awareness. *Roeper Review*, 20(2), 4-8. Retrieved December 14, 2007, from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

Magazine Ex:

Auld, L. (2002, October 31). Teaching tolerance: Nourishing interracial friendships. *Biracial Child*, 7, 20. Retrieved January 5, 2007, from Ethnic Newswatch database.

Newspaper Ex:

Green, J. (1999, April 25). How to make a splash: Wake a sleeping giant. *Christian Science Monitor*, p. 11. Retrieved October 24, 2007, from Proquest National Newspapers.

ARTICLES FROM ONLINE PERIODICALS (E-Journals - not from a periodical database)

**Magazine Example:
if also in print**

Sarewitz, D., & Pielke, R. (2000, July). Breaking the global warming gridlock. [Electronic version]. *The Atlantic Monthly*, 286(1), 54-64.

**Example from
Internet-only
Journal.**

O'Connor, R. M. (2002). Cultivating positive emotions to optimize health and well-being. *Prevention & Treatment*, 3, Article 0001a. Retrieved November 20, 2007, from <http://journals.apa.org/prevention/volume3/pre0030001a.html>.

**Newspaper
(no author)**

If you'd like to speak to a live person, dial 1. (1999, May 31). *San Francisco Chronicle*. Retrieved January 12, 2006, from <http://www.sfgate.com>.

E-BOOKS

E-Book

Abel, R.L., & Lewis, P.S. (Eds.). (2003). *Lawyers in society: An overview*. Oakland, CA: EScholarship, California Digital Library. Retrieved October 30, 2007, from <http://ark.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/ft8g5008f6/>

E-Book from Subscription

Berger, A. M.. *Medieval music and the art of memory*. (2005). Berkeley: University of California. NetLibrary. City College of San Francisco, CA. Retrieved October 30, 2007, from <http://www.netLibrary.com>

BASIC WEB PAGE/DOCUMENT AND WEB SITE

Basic Page

Author, A. A. (Date). *Title of work*. Retrieved month day, year, from URL

Example with author and date:

Hendrickson, C. W. (2001). *Male aggression*. Retrieved October 30, 2003, from <http://www.planetsave.com/ViewStory.asp?ID=1526>

Example with no author or date:

GVU's 8th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2001, from <http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/usersurveys/survey1997-10/>

Example of Web document on a Web site:

Chou, L., & McClintock, R. (1993). *Technology and education: New wine in new bottles: Choosing pasts and imagining educational futures*. Retrieved August 24, 2002, from Columbia University, Institute for Learning Technologies Web site: <http://www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/papers/newwine1.html>

Citing an entire Web site

Citing an entire Web site (not a specific document or page on the site), can be done by giving the address of the site in the text. Entire Web sites are NOT included in the Reference list.

For example:

The APA website is a good source for information about careers in psychology (<http://www.apa.org>).

E-Mail

E-mail communications should be cited as personal communications as noted in the *APA Publications Manual* (5th ed., p. 214). Personal communications are cited only in the text as parenthetical citations and NOT in the Reference list.

For example: A.B. Cooley (personal communication, May 4, 2000) said that fraternal twins have shorter life-spans.

TIPS:

- Do NOT use a period at the end of a citation which ends with an URL
- Capitalize significant words in the title of periodicals.
- Italics are used for all titles and periodical volume numbers. But issue number is not in italics. Example: *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 18(4)
- Citations should be double-spaced.
- Sometimes authors are not known and there is no "last update" showing for the Web document. In this case, use the date Web site/page was accessed and try to identify the author/organization of the Web page. If none is found, do not list an author. Use (n.d.) if no date of creation or update is found.
- For all other types of online sources, consult the 5th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* or their Web site: <http://www.apastyle.org/electsource.html>