

# APA Style

The main scholarly association for academic psychologists in the United States, the American Psychological Association (APA) has developed standardized methods for citing print and electronic sources used in research.

## Instructions:

**Names:** Use initials for first and middle names.

**Titles:** For articles, chapters and books, capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and proper nouns. Fully capitalize periodical titles.

**Dates:** Publication dates use the order year, month day. The access date uses the order month day year.

When citing EBSCO*host*, EBSCO is always uppercase; *host* is always lowercase italics.

## Journal article:

### Pattern:

FirstAuthorLastName, F. N., & SecondAuthorLastName, F. N. (PublicationYear). Title of the article. *Journal Title*, *VolumeNumber*(IssueNumber), StartPage-EndPage. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Database Name database.

### Example:

Crainer, S., & Dearlove, D. (2003). Windfall economics. *Business Strategy Review*, 14(4), 68-72. Retrieved Monday, November 5, 2005 from the Business Source Premier database.

## Magazine article:

### Pattern:

FirstAuthorLastName, F. N., & SecondAuthorLastName, F. N. (PublicationYear, Month Day). Title of the article. *Magazine Title*, *VolumeNumber*(IssueNumber), StartPage-EndPage. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Database Name database.

### Example:

Grossman, L. (2005, October). The Geek shall inherit the earth. *Time*, 166(14), 98-98. Retrieved Monday, November 5, 2005 from the Business Source Premier database.

## Newspaper article:

### Pattern:

FirstAuthorLastName, F. N., & SecondAuthorLastName, F. N. (PublicationYear, Month Day). Title of the article. *Newspaper Title*, *VolumeNumber*(IssueNumber), StartPage-EndPage. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Database Name database.

### Example:

Kolata, G. (2005, October 6). Experts unlock clues to spread of 1918 flu virus. *New York Times*, 155(53359), A1-A20. Retrieved Monday, November 5, 2005 from the Academic Search Premier database.

### Book chapter:

#### Pattern:

FirstAuthorLastName, F. N., & SecondAuthorLastName, F. N. (PublicationYear). Title of the chapter. *Book title* (pp. StartPage-EndPage). PublishersLocation: PublisherName. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Database Name.

You can get the publisher's name and location from the Publication Details page, found by clicking the Source field in the citation.

#### Example:

Freedman, M. J. (2004). Libraries in today's world. *World almanac & book of facts* (pp. 16-17). New York: World Almanac Education Group Inc. Retrieved Monday, November 5, 2005 from the MasterFILE Premier database.

**These are only basic examples of the APA style.** More detailed information is available through the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th edition) and <http://www.apastyle.org/>. In addition, a variety of third-party style guides and web sites can provide further assistance.

**Always consult your library resources for the exact formatting and punctuation guidelines.**