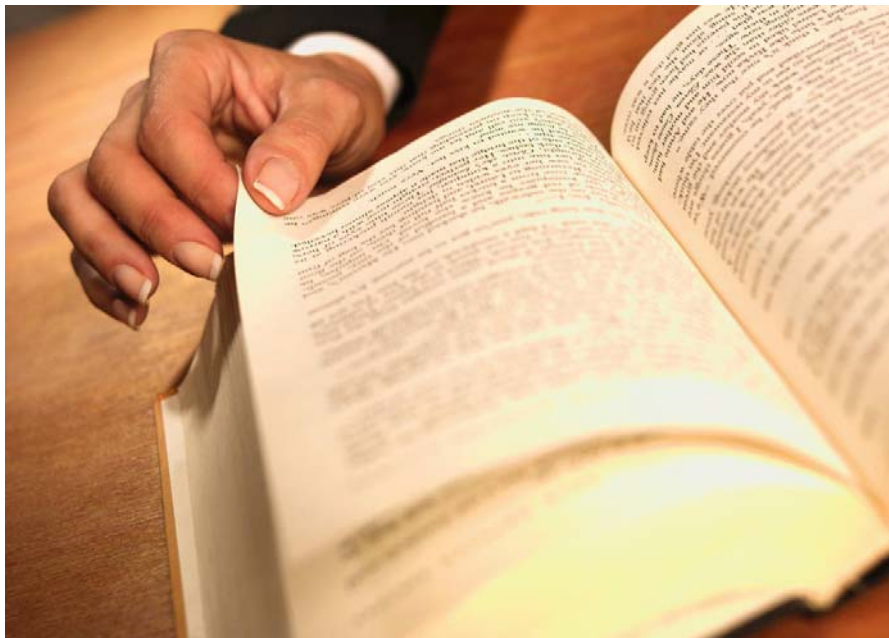




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# Citing Sources in MLA and APA Style



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The purpose of a research paper is to synthesize previous research and scholarship with your own ideas on the subject. In writing a research paper you should not merely review publications and extract a series of quotations from them. Rather, you should look for sources that provide new information, survey the various positions already taken on a specific subjects, lend authority to your viewpoint, expand or nuance your ideas, offer modes of thought that you can apply to new data, the furnish negative examples which you with to argue. (*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., p.4*).

Research Papers involve reading, referring to, and incorporating the writing of others into your paper. Whenever you paraphrase, quote, or refer to another person's work you must give that person credit. The source of information must be cited.

Derived from the Latin word *plagiarius* ("kidnapper"), **plagiarism** is an intellectual theft; using another person's ideas, information, or expressions without acknowledging that person work, or as your own, is always seen as a shameful act. (*MLA Handbook, p.66*)

## MLA STYLE OF CITING

MLA stands for Modern Language Association.

### TIPS:

1. Author's name is last name first.
2. Title of publication is underlined.
3. Use the first letter *U* instead of the full word *University* when the *University* is a publisher.
3. Entries are double-spaced between each section.
4. All lines following the first line are indented five spaces
5. All entries should be double-spaced<sup>1</sup>

### Printed Sources

#### BOOKS

##### A BOOK BY ONE AUTHOR:

Hansberry, Lorraine. A Raisin in the Sun. New York: Random, 1959.

##### A BOOK BY TWO OR THREE AUTHORS:

Andrews, Deborah C. and William D. Andrews. Business Communication.  
New York: Macmillan, 1988.

Rabkin, Erick S., Martin H. Greenberg and Jonathan R. Sorensen. The  
Rope, the Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990.  
Austin: U of Texas P, 1994.

##### A BOOK BY FOUR OR MORE AUTHORS:

Morris, Desmond, et al. Gestures. New York: Stein, 1979.

##### AN EDITED BOOK:

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Johnson, Stanley, ed. The Population Problem. New York: Wiley, 1973.

**A SECOND, THIRD, ETC. EDITION:**

Chenfield, Mimi Brodsky. Teaching Language Arts Creatively. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.  
San Diego: Harcourt, 1987.

**AN ANTHLOGY (COMPILATION)**

Weisser, Susan, ed. Women and Romance :a Collection of Essays. New York: New York UP, 2001.

**BULLETIN OR GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION (A CORPORATE AUTHOR)**

United States. Department of Agriculture. The Face of Rural America: The Yearbook of Agricultura. Washington: GPO, 1976.

**A MULTIVOLUME BOOK:**

Fiedler, Leslie A. The Collected Essays of Leslie Fiedler. 2 vols.  
New York: Stein, 1971.

**ESSAY OR ARTICLE IN A COLLECTION:**

Agee, James. "Comedy's Greatest Era." The Open Forum: Essays for Our Time.  
Ed. Alfred Kazin. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Harcourt, 1970. 339-357.

**For Encyclopedias**

If no author is given, title of article (in quotes) appears first. For well known works, provide only year of the edition after the title (underlined).

Rupp, Ernest G. "Luther." Encyclopedia Britannica: Macropaedia. 1988 ed.

"Binet, Alfred." Encyclopedia Americana. 1986 ed.

**For Periodicals**

For journal or magazine articles, use the following order, omitting unnecessary items:

1. Author
2. Title of article
3. Name of periodical
4. Volume, issue, page numbers

**ARTICLE IN JOURNAL WITH CONTINUOUS PAGING THROUGHOUT VOLUME**

Tift, Suzan. "Who's Teaching Our Children?" Time 14 Nov. 1988: 58-64.

**ARTICLE IN JOURNAL WITH NEW PAGING EACH ISSUE:**

Coleman, Eve B. "Flowcharting as a Prewriting Activity." Computers, and Language Arts 1.3 (1983): 36-38.  
(Vol.1. No.3).

Albada, Kelly. "The Public and Private Dialogue." Journal of Communication. 50.4. (2001):79-110.

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:**

Eisenstein, Paul A. "Carmakers Want to Be Bankers, Too." Christian Science Monitor 6 Sept. 1988: 16-17

**NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL UNSIGNED:**

"In 1938, the World Knew." Editorial. New York Times 9 Nov. 1988, late ed.: A34.

**Electronic Sources**

To cite files from the World Wide Web and other electronic sources, give:

1. Author (if known)
2. Title of work in quotation marks
3. Full title of complete work (if applicable)
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5. Full http address
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**AN ARTICLE IN AN ONLINE JOURNAL:**

Butler, Darrell L., and Martin Selbom. "Barriers to Adopting Technology Teaching and Learning," Educause Quarterly . 25.2(2002): 22-28. Educause. 3 Aug. 2002 <<http://www.Educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/eqm0223.pdf>>

**AN ARTICLE IN AN ONLINE NEWSPAPER:**

Achenbach, Joel. America's River. "Washington Post. 5 May 2002. 20 May2002 <[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A\\_13425<2202May1.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A_13425<2202May1.html)>

**AN ONLINE BOOK:**

Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice. Ed. Henry Churchyard. 1996. JaneAusten Information Page. 6 Sept 2002 <http://www.pemberley.com/janeinfo/pridprej.html>>

## Citing Sources in APA STYLE

APA style stands for American Psychological Association, and it usually used in the Social Sciences. *However, always consult with your instructor if you have any questions about which citation style to use.*<sup>2</sup>

### For Book

The APA Style is very similar to the MLA style, but at the same time has its own distinctive features. The entry for a book begins with author's name (if multiply authors, their names appears in the order presented on the title page, **not alphabetical order**), followed by the year in parentheses, the title, the city and state (if required), the publisher, edition, number of volumes, name of the series, volumes number, page numbers. Only the first word and proper nouns of a book title are **capitalized**; the title is *italicized*.

#### **A BOOK BY ONE AUTHOR:**

Pincus, B. (2005). *Managing difficult peoples*. Avon, MA: Adams Media.

#### **A BOOK BY TWO OR MORE AUTHORS:**

Fagan, J., & Palm, G. (2003). *Father and early childhood Programs*. Clifton Park, NY: Delmar.

**OR,**

Frey, P.D., Smart, M.J., & Walker, S.A. (2004). *Standards of practice for teachers: A brief handbook*. Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education.

#### **A BOOK WITH NO AUTHOR NAMED:**

Swanton, M. (Ed.). (1990). *An Anglo-Saxon chronicle*. Exeter, England: University of Exeter Press.

*United Press International stylebook: The authoritative handbook for writers, editors, and news directors' (3er ed. )* (1992). Lincolnwood, IL: National.

#### **A BOOK WITH AN ORGANIZATION AS AUTHOR (CORPORATE BODY):**

American Medical Association (1998). *American Medical Association manual of style: A guide to authors and Editors (9<sup>th</sup> ed.)*. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins.

#### **AN EDITION OTHER THAN THE FIRST :**

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Maag, J.W. (2004) *Behaviour management: From theoretical implications to practical implications* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) Belmont, Ca: Wadsworth-Thomson Learning.

**AN ARTICLE IN AN EDITED COLLECTION:**

McCabe, S. (2005). Psychopharmacology and other biologic treatments. In M.A.Boyd (Ed.) , *Psychiatric nursing: Contemporary practice* (pp.124-138). Philadelphia: Lippincott-Williams and Wilkins.

**A MULTIVOLUME WORK:**

Ignatavicius, D.D., & Workman, M.L.(2006) *Medical- surgical nursing: Critical thinking for collaborative care* ( 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Vols.1-2). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Sanders.

**AN ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE WORK:**

Flouxetine Hydrochloride (2004). In *2004 Lippincott nursing drug guide* (pp.530-532). Philadelphia: Lippincott-Williams and Wilkins.

**A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT :**

National Archives and Records Administration. (2004). *Federal records pertaining to Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. Kansas (1954). Washington, DC: Author.

**For Periodicals**

**AN ARTICLE IN A JOURNAL WITH CONTINUOUS PAGING:**

Courtois, C.A. (2004). Complex trauma, complex reactions: Assessment and treatment. *Psychotherapy: Theory, Research, Practice, Training*, 41, 412-425.

**AN ARTICLE IN A JOURNAL WITH SEPARATE PAGING:**

Hughes, J.C., Brestan, E.V., Christens, B.D. Klinger L.J., & Valle, L.A. (2004). Problem-solving interactions between mothers and children. *Child and Family Behaviour Therapy*, 26(1), 1-16.

**AN ARTICLE IN A NEWSPAPER:**

Mayer, C.E. (2005, January, 7). Group takes aim at junk-food marketing. *The Washington Post*, p.E2.

## Electronic Sources

### AN ARTICLE IN AN ONLINE JOURNAL :

Goacola , P.R. (2004). Executive functioning and alcohol-related aggression [Electronic version]. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*. 113, 541-555.

Ray, O. (2004). How the mind hurts and heals the body. *American Psychologist*, 59, 29-40. Retrieved January, 12, 2005 from <http://www.apa.org/journals/amp/amp59129.pdf>.

### AN ARTICLE IN AN ONLINE NEWSPAPER

Foreman J. (2003, August 12). The health and harm of cancer drugs. *Boston Globe*. Retrieved January 17, 2005, from [http://www.boston.com/yourlife/health/diseases/article/2003/08/12/the\\_help\\_and\\_harm\\_in\\_new\\_cancer\\_drugs](http://www.boston.com/yourlife/health/diseases/article/2003/08/12/the_help_and_harm_in_new_cancer_drugs)

### AN ONLINE BOOK :

Buxhoeveden, S. (n.d). *The Life and tragedy of Alexandra Fedorovna, empress of Russia*. Retrieved January 15, 2005 from the Russian History website: <http://www.alexanderpalace.org>

### A CD – ROM SOURCE:

Chen, J.X. (2003). *Guide to graphics' software tools*. (Springer, CD-ROM, 2003 release).