Comprehensive APA Reference List Models

This guide contains examples of references in APA style. The references are grouped by category: periodicals; books and reference books; technical and research reports; meetings and symposia; doctoral dissertations and master's theses; reviews and peer commentary; audiovisual media; data sets, software, measurement instruments, and apparatus; unpublished and informally published works; archival documents and collections; and internet message boards, electronic mailing lists, and other online communities. In addition, general samples of corresponding citations are provided within each reference category.

**Periodicals**

Items published on a regular basis such as journals, magazines, newspapers, and newsletters.

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume #* (issue #), pp–pp. doi: xx.xxxxxxxxxx

If no digital object identifier (DOI) is assigned, state the database the source was retrieved from in the reference:* Retrieved from the XXXX database

*Note: This requirement is specific to Ashford University and is not included in the APA (6th edition) publication guidelines.

**Example:**

Journal article with DOI


**Example:**

Journal article without DOI


**Example:**

Magazine article, print


**Example:**

Online magazine article


**Example:**

Online newspaper article


**Example:**

Newsletter

Citing paraphrased information: Paraphrased text (Santovec, 2008). or According to Santovec (2008), paraphrased text.

Citing quoted information: "Quote" (Santovec, 2008, para. 3). or As stated by Santovec (2008), "quote" (para. 3).

Citing online publications: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation para.). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).

Citing Secondary Sources: If you use a source that is cited in another source, name the original work and give a citation for the secondary source. For example, if you are reading a document authored by Fisher and Fisher cites Darwin's work, list the Fisher reference in the reference list. In the text, use the following citation:


Books, Reference Books, & Book Chapters

Books and reference books such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, and discipline-specific reference books. Also includes books that are published in electronic form.

Reference List Format: Book (print or electronic)

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). *Title of book*. Location: Publisher


Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). *Title of book*. doi:xxxxxxxx

Editor's Last Name, Initials. (Ed.). (Publication Year). *Title of book*. Location: Publisher

Example: Book, print version


Example: Book, Ashford custom edition


Example: Book, compilation or edited

Example: Book, electronic (Constellation eBook)

Example: Reference book, print

Example: Reference book, online

Citing paraphrased information:
Paraphrased text (Witt & Mossler, 2010). or According to Witt and Mossler (2010), paraphrased text.

Citing quoted information:
"Quote" (Witt & Mossler, 2010, p. 47). or As stated by Witt and Mossler (2010), "quote" (p. 47).

In-text citation samples
Citing electronic books:
If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation *para.*). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).

Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of chapter or entry.
In Editor's first initial, Editor's Last Name (Ed.) *Title of book*. (pp. xx–xx).
Location: Publisher

Example: Entry in a book

Citing paraphrased information: Paraphrased text (Guthrie, 2007). or In the poem by Guthrie (2007), paraphrased text.

In-text citation samples
Citing quoted information: "Quote" (Guthrie, 2007, p. 898). or As written by Guthrie (2007), "quote" (p. 897).

Citing electronic books: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation *para.*). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the
number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Guthrie, 2007, "This land is your land").

Title of entry. (Publication Year). In Editor's first initial, Editor's Last Name (Ed.) Title of reference work. (xx Ed., Vol. xx, pp. xx–xx). Location: Publisher

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Technical and Research Reports

Technical and research reports are like journal articles in that they usually cover original research. However, the research may or may not be peer reviewed. Format references to technical and research reports like you would a book.

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Citing electronic reports: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation para.). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).

Meetings and Symposia

Proceedings of meetings and symposia that are published in book or periodical form. To cite published proceedings from a book, use the same format as a book or chapter from a book. To cite proceedings that are published regularly, use the same format for a periodical.

Reference List Format: Symposium
Contributor's Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month). Title of contribution. In Chairperson's Initials and Last name (Chair). *Title of symposium.* Symposium conducted at the meeting of Organization Name, Location.

Example: Symposium

Example: Paper or poster session
Rozanova, J. (2007, March). The portrayals of seniors and inequality in the globe and mail. Poster session presented at the meeting of Edmonton Aging Symposium, Alberta, Canada.

Citing paraphrased information: Paraphased text (Wight & Fox, 2009). or As identified by Wight and Fox (2009), paraphrased text.

Citing quoted information: "Quote" (Wight & Fox, 2009, p. 7). or As stated by Wight and Fox (2009), "quote" (p. 7).

Doctoral Dissertations and Master's Theses

Doctoral dissertations and master's theses can be retrieved from subscription databases, institutional archives, and personal websites.
Reference List

Format: Dissertation or theses from a database service

Author's Last Name, Initials (Publication Year). *Title of doctoral dissertation or master's thesis* (Doctoral dissertation or master's thesis). Retrieved from Name of database. (Accession or Order No.)

**Example:**


Reference List

Format: Dissertation or theses, unpublished


**Citing paraphrased information:** Paraphrased text (Meyer, 1977). or As identified by Meyer (1977), paraphrased text.

**Citing quoted information:** "Quote" (Meyer, 1977, p. 34). or As stated by Meyer (1977), "quote" (p. 34).

In–text citation samples

Citing electronic documents: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation *para.*). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).

Reviews and Peer Commentary

Reviews of books, motion pictures, and other information or entertainment products. Reviews are published in a variety of venues, including periodicals, websites, and blogs.

**Reference List Format:** Reviews

Reviewer's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). *Title of review [Review of the book Title of the Book, by Author's Initials, Author's Last Name]. Title of complete work, xx, xxx–xxx.*

**Example:**


In–text citation samples

Citing paraphrased information: Paraphrased text (Handler, 2010). or As described by Handler (2010) in his review of *Citrus County*, paraphrased text.
Citing quoted information: "Quote" (Handler, 2010, para. 3). or As stated by Handler (2010), "quote" (para. 3).

Citing electronic reviews: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation para.). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).

### Audiovisual Media

Movies, audio or television broadcasts, and static works such as artwork or photos.

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### Data Sets, Software, Measurement Instruments, and Apparatus

Raw data and tools that aid persons in performing tasks such as data analysis or measurement.

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List Format: [Description of form]. Location: Name of producer
Rightholder's Last Name, Initials (Year). Title of program (Version number)


Citing paraphrased information: Paraphased text (Microsoft, 2010). or As identified by Microsoft (2010) in describing the features of Expression Studio 4, paraphrased text.

In–text citation samples
Citing quoted information: "Quote" (Microsoft, 2010, "Product Specifications"). or As stated by Microsoft (2010), "quote" ("Product Specifications").

Citing electronic work: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation para.). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).

Unpublished and Informally Published Works

Work that is in progress, has been submitted for publication or has been completed but not submitted for publication. Also includes work that is available on a personal or institutional website.

Reference List Format: Unpublished work
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year). Title of manuscript. Unpublished manuscript [or "Manuscript submitted for publication," or "Manuscript in preparation"].


Example: Informally published or self–archived work, from ERIC

In–text citation samples
Citing paraphrased information: Paraphased text (Rodolfo, 1988). or As identified by Rodolfo (1988), paraphrased text.

Citing quoted information: "Quote" (Rodolfo, 1988, p. 3). or As stated...
Citing electronic works: If a page number is not available use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation para.). If the document includes headings but does not provide page or paragraph numbers, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following the heading. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Educating Adults," para. 2).

Archival Documents and Collections

Letters, unpublished manuscripts, limited–circulation brochures and pamphlets, in house institutional and corporate documents, clippings, and other documents. Also includes non–text materials such as photographs that are a personal possession or part of an institutional collection.

Reference List Format: Archival Documents

Example: Collection of letters from an archive


In text citation for specific letters:

(Wright, F. L., 1867–1959, Wright to [Recipient's Initials and Last Name, Month day, Year of correspondence]).

Internet Message Boards, Electronic Mailing Lists, and Other Online Communities

Blogs, newsgroups, online forums and discussion groups, electronic mailing lists.

Reference List Format: Online posts

Example: Message posted to a newsgroup, online forum, or discussion group


Example: Message posted to an electronic mailing list


Example: Blog post


Example: Video blog post


Citing paraphrased information:Paraphased text (Miller, 2010). or As
samples shared by Miller (2010), paraphrased text.

**Citing quoted information:** "Quote" (Miller, 2010, para. 3). or As stated by Miller (2010), "quote" (para. 2).

**Citing electronic postings:** Use paragraph numbers (use the abbreviation para.) or the title of the posting. For example, (Wilson, 2010, "Response to Tonya," para. 2).