

# APA Style Citation Guide

## APA Style – How to Cite Anything in APA Format

The APA citation style is a style of referencing, primarily used in the social sciences, to cite information sources.

### APA Style Overview

Works Cited lists are created to allow readers to locate original sources themselves.

Each citation in a works list includes various pieces of information including the:

1. Name of the author(s)
2. Year published
3. Title
4. City published
5. Publisher
6. Pages used

Generally, APA citations follow this format:

Author Last name, F.I. (Year Published). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

### APA Citations for Books with One Author

Structure:

Author Last name, F.I. (Year Published). *Title of work*.  
Location: Publisher.

### APA Citations for Websites

Structure:

Author Last Name, F.I. (Year, Month Date Published). Article title. Retrieved from URL

**APA Citations for Books with Two or More Authors** - When citing a book with two or more authors, place the names in the order in which they appear on the source.

Structure:

Last name, First initial., Last name, First initial, & Last name, First initial. (Date). *Title* (Secondary Contributors).  
Location: Publisher.

### APA Citations for Newspaper Articles Found on a Database or a Website

Structure:

Author, F.I. (Year, Month Date Published). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*. Retrieved from newspaper homepage URL.

### APA Citations for Print Encyclopedia Articles

Structure:

Author Last Name, F.I. (Year Published). Title of entry. In *Encyclopedia title*. (Volume, page range). City, State of publication: Publisher.

## General Formatting Rules

- Use a serif typeface **Times New Roman 12)**
- Citations **are listed in alphabetical** order by the author's last name.
- Use hanging indents for reference lists
- If there are multiple sources by the same author, then citations are listed in order by the date of publication.
- Only the first letter of **the first word** and any **proper nouns** in the title should be **capitalized**
- **Italicize** journal titles, volume numbers
- A **DOI** (digital object identifier) is basically a number that links a source to its location on the Internet. This number isn't always provided, but if it is, it's very important to include it in your citation.

**APA Citations for Chapters in Edited Books** - When citing a chapter in an edited book, use the following format:

**Structure for Print:**

Last name, First initial. (Year published). Chapter title. In First initial. Last name of Editor (Ed.), *Book Title* (pp. xx-xx). Publishing City, State: Publisher.

**Structure for Online:**

Last name, First initial. (Year published). Chapter title. In First initial. Last name of Editor (Ed.), *Book title* [E-reader version, if used] (pp. xx-xx). doi: xxxxx or Retrieved from URL

**APA Citations for Multiple Works By The Same Author**

If you have multiple works by the same author, place the citations in order by the year of publication, with the earliest date first.

**Example:**

Coelho, P. (1993). *The alchemist*. San Francisco: Harper San Francisco.

Coelho, P. (2004). *Eleven minutes*. New York: HarperCollins.

Coelho, P. (2011). *Aleph*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

**APA Citations for Journal Articles Found on a Database or on a Website-** If your source is found online

**Structure:**

Author Last name, F.I. (Year Published). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, Volume (Issue), page range.

**APA Citations for Print Newspaper Articles**

**Structure:**

Author, F.I. (Year, Month Date Published). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, page range.

**APA Citations for TV or Radio**

**Structure:**

Writer Last Name, F.I. (Writer), & Director Last Name, F.I. (Director). (Year aired). Title of episode [Television series episode]. In Producer Last Name, F.I. (Executive producer), *TV series name*. City, State of original channel: Channel.

**APA Citations for YouTube videos**

**Structure:**

Last name, First initial. [YouTube username]. (Year, Month, Date of posting). *Title of YouTube video*. [Video file]. Retrieved from url.

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