APA Documentation Style
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**Basic Rules:**

- “References in APA publications are cited in text with an author-date citation system and are listed alphabetically in the reference list.” (174) For examples, refer to pages 174-179 in the manual.
- References cited in the text must appear in the reference list and each entry in the reference list must be cited in the text of the manuscript.
- Double space all entries in the reference list and use a hanging indent.
- **Author.** Last name is always first, then initials, do not use full name. When there are two or more authors use commas to separate authors and to separate last names and initials; use an ampersand before the last author.
- **Title of book.** Capitalize the first word of the title, subtitle and proper nouns only. Italicize the title of the book.
- **Title of an article.** Capitalize the first word of the title and subtitle only. Do not underline or use quotation marks.
- **Title of journal, magazine, or newspaper.** Use both upper and lower case, capitalizing all major words. Include the number for the volume, but not the term “vol.” Italicize the title of the journal and the volume number.
- For additional information and examples refer to pages 180-224 in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.*

**Examples for the Reference List**

**Citing books by an individual author:**


**Citing books by two or more authors:**

Work in an anthology or collection:

Article in an encyclopedia or reference work:

Article in a scholarly journal:

Article in a magazine:

Article in a newspaper:

Video or film:

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http://www.apastyle.org
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01