

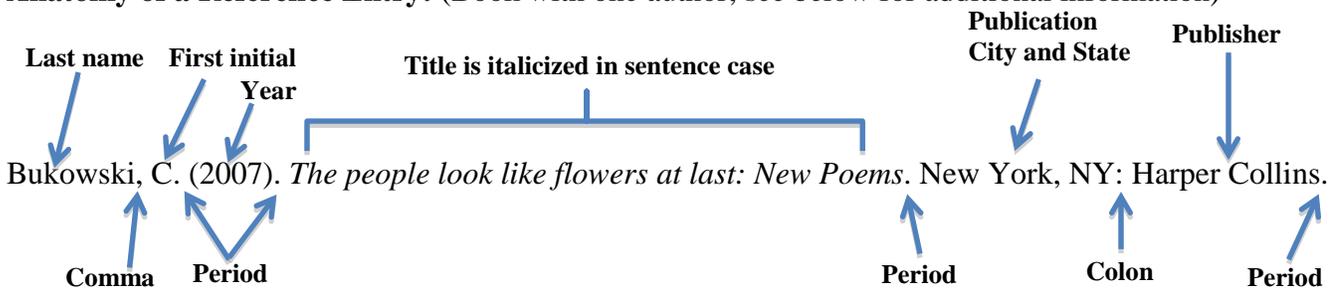
APA Formatting: References

This guide is based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.) and *Purdue University's Online Writing Lab*. If your instructor has specific requirements for the format of your references page or how to cite sources, please check with your professor and follow their guidelines.

In accordance with APA style, the References page begins on a separate page after the body of the essay. The following areas of formatting for the References page are the same as the essay: 1-inch margins, header at the top of the page. Additional formatting information is as follows:

- The word References is centered on the first line of the page – do not use bold, italics, or quotation marks
- All entries are to be double-spaced
- Entries are listed in alphabetical order
- Entries have a hanging indentation, with the 2nd line (and subsequent lines) of each entry indented 1/2 inch (.5").
- For a sample References page, refer to p. 49 (Figure 2.1) in the APA handbook.

Anatomy of a Reference Entry: (Book with one author; see below for additional information)



Book

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book*. City, State: Publisher.

Example:

Bukowski, C. (2007). *The people look like flowers at last: New poems*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.

Book with multiple authors

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). *Title of book*. City, State: Publisher.

Example:

Wardle, E., & Downs, D. (2010). *Writing about writing: A college reader*. New York, NY: Bedford/St. Martin's.

Work in an Anthology or Edited Collection

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xx-xx). City, State: Publisher.

Example:

Connors, R. J. (2003). The rise and fall of the modes of discourse. In L. Ede & A. A. Lunsford (Eds.), *Selected essays of Robert J. Connors* (pp. 1-12). New York, NY: Bedford/St. Martin's.

Journal Article

Paginated by volume only, with DOI, retrieved online (note: not all articles will have a DOI):

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal in Title Case*, volume number, xx-xx. doi:xx.xxxxxxxxxx

Example:

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology*, 24, 225-229. doi:10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

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Paginated by volume and issue, no DOI, retrieved online:

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical in Title Case*, volume number(issue), xx-xx. Retrieved from <http://JournalHomePage>

Example:

Langhamer, C. (2007). Love and courtship in mid-twentieth-century England. *The Historical Journal*, 50(1), 173-196. Retrieved from <http://www.esaim-cocv.org/action/displayJournal?jid=HIS>

Magazine article, print

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine in Title Case*, volume (issue), xx-xx.

Example:

Oz, A. (2011, January 17). The King of Norway. *The New Yorker*, 86(44), 66-69.

Newspaper Article, print

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper in Title Case*, pp. xx, xx.

Example:

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

General Web Document

According to Hume-Pratuch (personal communication, February 28, 2011), Editorial Supervisor of APA Journals, one should note the following regarding web sources: "There is no one form of citation for a web page, because there are many kinds of documents that can be retrieved online. The proper form of citation depends on the type of document." The guidelines below are for general websites. For more specific information about citing web documents, consult the APA guide to citing web sources, which can also be found in the CASA Writing Center.

Website: Author known, date known

Author, A. A. (year, Month day). Title of document. Retrieved from <http://Webaddress.com>

Example:

Shomon, M. J. (2003, December 22). Hypothyroidism risk/symptoms checklist. Retrieved from http://thyroid.about.com/cs/basics_starthere/a/hypochecklist.htm

**Note: Hume-Pratuch (personal communication, February 28, 2011) adds, "The title of an online work is not italicized unless the web page consists of an entire work (e.g., a book, or a technical or research report) that is subdivided into chapters."*

Website: Author unknown, date known

Title of document. (year, Month day). Retrieved from <http://Webaddress.com>

Example:

All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue. (2010, October 13). Retrieved from <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/>

**Note: For web sources, if there isn't a date available for the document use (n.d.) for no date.*

YouTube Video

Author, A. A. [User name]. (year, month day). *Title of video in sentence case* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://Webaddress.com>

Example:

TEDx Talks. (2014, December 1). *The reality of climate change: David Puttname* [Video file]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBjtO-0tbKU>

**Note: The person who posted the video is credited as the author. If the person's real name and user name are both available, provide the real name in the format Author, A. A., followed by the user name inside brackets. If real name is not available, include only user name without brackets.*

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