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Sample Reference List Entries

Books

Author's Last Name, First Initial (Date of publication). *Title of the book*. Place of publication: Publisher.

Single Author:

Kurlansky, M. (2002). *Salt: A world history*. New York: Walker.

Two to Six Authors: [For more than six authors, list only the 1st author followed by et al.]

Marquart, J.W., Olson, S.E. & Sorensen, J.R. (1994). *The rope, the chain and the needle: Capital punishment in Texas*. Austin: University of Texas.

Article within a book:

Author's Last Name, First Initial (Date of publication). Title of the article. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of the book* (p/pp. page numbers). Place of publication: Publisher.

More, H. (1997). The black slave trade: A poem. In P.R. Feldman (Ed.), *British women poets of the Romantic Era* (pp.472-82). Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Periodicals

Scholarly Journal:

Author's name (date of publication). Title of the article. *Title of the journal, volume number, page numbers*.

White, S. & Winzelberg, A. (1992). Laughter and stress. *Humor, 5*, 343-55.

Magazine:

Author's Last Name, First Initial (year, month day of publication). Title of the article. *Title of the Magazine, volume (if given), page numbers*.

Gwande, A. (2001, July 9). The man who couldn't stop eating. *New Yorker*, 66-75.

Daily Newspaper:

Author's Last Name, First Initial (year, month day of publication). Title of the article. *Title of Newspaper, p/pp. page number*.

Chang, K. (2002, April 2). The melting (freezing) of Antarctica. *New York Times*, p. F1.

Electronic Publications (see <http://www.apastyle.org/electsource.html>)

Material from a Website:

Author's Last Name, First Initial (date of publication or last revision if known). Title of the article.
Title of webpage: subtitle if needed. Retrieved month day, year, from URL of source.

Harrer, K.M. (July 8, 2004). Title IX update. *Women's Sports Foundation: Issues and action*. Retrieved July 23, 2004, from <<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/issues/article.html?record=997>>.

Material from a Database:

Author's Last Name, First Initial (date of publication). Title of the article. *Title of the Periodical, volume number*, page numbers. Retrieved month day, year, from source.

Schmidt, J.A. & Padilla, B. (2003). Self-esteem and family challenge: an investigation of their effects on achievement. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 32, 37- 46. Retrieved July 23, 2004, from the Infotrac Expanded Academic ASAP database.

Stevenson, J.A. (1988). A vampire in the mirror: The sexuality of Dracula. *PMLA* 103, 139-149. Retrieved July 23, 2004, from the JSTOR database.

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Basic Format of Author-Date Method of Parenthetical Citation:

Behaviorism is a philosophy of science and mind that involves empirical background theory and represents a certain set of values (Zuriff, 1985).

Variations of Parenthetical Citation:

If the author is named in the text, only the year is cited.

Example: According to Irene Taylor (1990), the personalities of Charlotte...

If there are 2 authors, cite both names each time the reference appears.

Example: Sexual-selection theory often had been used to explore patterns of various insect mating (Alcock & Thornhill, 1983) ...Alcock and Thornhill (1983) also demonstrate...

If citing specific pages or chapters, the page number follows the year.

Example: Emily Bronte "expressed increasing hostility for the world of human relationships, whether sexual or social" (Taylor, 1988, p.11).

If there are 2 books with the same author and same publication date, add an identifying letter to each date to indicate the difference.

Example: Study results have shown a continuing trend (Bloom, 1987a, 1987b).