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Citing Your Sources Using APA Format

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### Abstract

This guide contains the basic rules for using APA format to cite sources. Included are examples of how to cite books, websites, and subscription databases. A sample references page concludes the document.

## Citing Your Sources Using APA Format

### Basic Rules

1. Include in-text citations in your paper when summarizing, quoting, or paraphrasing (Author, date, page number).
2. Begin your citation list on a new page at the end of your paper.
  - Center the title (References) at the top of the page.
  - Begin each entry at the left margin.
  - Indent one-half inch or five spaces if the entry is longer than one line.
  - Double-space.
  - Include all sources referenced in your paper.
  - Alphabetize the list.
  - On the References list, capitalize only the first word of the title or subtitle of a book, article, or web page.
  - Capitalize all major words of a journal.
  - If you cannot find a publication date for a source, use (n.d.).
  - If there is no author, begin with the title.

### In-text Citation Examples

“Document your study throughout the text by citing by author and date the works you used in your research” (American Psychological Association, 2001, p. 207).

According to Purdue’s Online Writing Lab (2008), your paper should include a Title Page, Abstract, Main Body, and References.

## Examples for References List

### BOOKS

Author's last name, Author's first initial. (Year of publication). *Title of book*. City: Publisher.

Bombaugh, R. (1999). *Science fair success*. Springfield: Enslow.

### WEBSITES (with author)

Author's last name, Author's first initial. (Year, month day of publication). *Title of document or web page*. Retrieved month day, year, from <http://URL of website>

Helmenstine, A.M. (2008). *High school science fair projects*. Retrieved August 18, 2008, from <http://chemistry.about.com/od/sciencefairprojects/a/sciprohigh.htm>

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*Title of document or web page*. (Year, month day of publication). Retrieved month day, year, from <http://URL of website>

*Science fair project resource guide*. (2006, December 5). Retrieved August 18, 2008, from <http://www.ipl.org/youth/projectguide/>

### SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

Author's last name, Author's first initial. (Year, month day of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal or book*. Retrieved month day, year, from Title of database.

Young, R.V. (Ed.) (2006). Acids and bases. *World of Chemistry*. Retrieved August 18, 2008, from Science Resource Center database.

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