

# APA References Style

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The following examples illustrate the references of the APA Style:

## Books

### One author:

Castle, E. B. (1970). *The teacher*. Oxford University Press.

### Two authors:

McCandless, B. R., & Evans, E. D. (1973). *Children and youth: Psychosocial development*. Dryden Press.

### Three or more authors:

Smith, V., Barr, R., & Burke, D. (1976). *Alternatives in education: Freedom to choose*. Phi Delta Kappa, Educational Foundation.

### Society, association, or institution as author and publisher:

American Psychiatric Association. (1980). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (3rd ed.). D.C.: Author.

### Editor or compiler as author:

Rich, J. M. (Ed.). (1972). *Readings in the philosophy of education* (2nd ed.). Wadsworth.

### Chapter, essay, or article by one author in a book or encyclopedia edited by another:

Medley, D. M. (1983). Teacher effectiveness. In H. E. Mitzel (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of educational research* (Vol. 4, pp. 1894-1903). The Free Press.

### Introduction, preface and foreword

Zia-ul-Haq, Muhammad (2015). Introduction. In Sher Nowrooz Khan, *The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him): A select bibliography in western languages* (pp. ix-x). Islamic Research Institute.

### Journal articles

Herrington, A. J. (1985). Classrooms as forums for reasoning and writing. *College Composition and Communication*, 36(4), 404-413.

Schimmel, Annemarie. (1962). The Place of Prophet of Islam in Iqbal's Thought. *Islamic Studies*, 1(4), 111-130.

### Newspaper Article

Kakutani, Michiko. (1986, June 17). More jobs waiting for college grads. *Detroit Free Press*, pp. 1A, 3A.

Botha, T. (1999, February 21). The Statue of Liberty, Central Park and me. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

### Internet article based on a print source

Stultz, J. (2006). Integrating exposure therapy and analytic therapy in trauma treatment. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 76(4), 482-488. doi:10.1037/0002-9432.76.4.482

### Book review

McKinley, A. (2018). [Review of the book *Criminal investigative failures*, by D. K. Rossmo]. *Salus Journal*, 6(1), 82-84.

### Conference/workshop papers

Jang, S. (2019, August 8–11). *Deconstructing the opposition of natural/arbitrary in Coleridge's theory of language* [Paper presentation]. NASSR 2019: Romantic Elements, Chicago, IL, United States.

Evans, A. C., Jr., Garbarino, J., Bocanegra, E., Kinscherff, R. T., & Márquez-Greene, N. (2019, August 8–11). *Gun violence: An event on the power of community* [Conference presentation]. APA 2019 Convention, Chicago, IL, United States.

### Thesis or Dissertation

Sabbagh, S. A. (2009). *Investigating oral presentation skills and non-verbal communication techniques in UAE classrooms: A thesis in teaching English to speakers of other languages* (Master's thesis). American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

Considine, M. (1986). *Australian insurance politics in the 1970s: Two case studies*. (Doctoral dissertation). University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia.

### Website Content

Mukherjee, S. (2016, November 17). How far can we push the limits of human life? Scientists explore the edges of our morality. Retrieved from [https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/wdj7qz/how-far-can-we-push-the-limits-of-human-life](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/wdj7qz/how-far-can-we-push-the-limits-of-human-life)

Privacy Policy. (2017, April 17). Retrieved from <https://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>.

### Social Media (blog, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram)

#### Blog post

Tudor, Ken. (2015, June 9). *Protecting Pets in Abusive Human Relationships*. *The Daily Vet* (blog). <http://www.petmd.com/blogs/thedailyvet/ken-tudor/2015/june/pets-abusive-human-relationships-32819>.

#### Facebook page

National Library of Australia. (2017, August 28). *National Library of Australia's Facebook Page*. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/National.Library.of.Australia/>

#### Twitter post

Arder, J. [@jacindaardern]. (2018, October 15). *I salute you, @Kereru4PM #BirdOfTheYear* [Tweet]. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/jacindaardern/status/1051569120066469889>

## Instagram post

New Zealand Police [newzealandpolice]. (2019, November 15). *Class of 2019 // Wellington dog section* [paw prints emoji] #fridayfloof[Photograph]. Instagram. [https://www.instagram.com/p/B43Cl\\_-J9pN/](https://www.instagram.com/p/B43Cl_-J9pN/)

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