

APA Style Guide

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The full title and page number are located in the header section on **each** page.
- On title page write **Running head: TITLE OF PAPER**. After title page, use just **TITLE OF PAPER**
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- If you have more than one article by the same author, list articles by date, earliest first.
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- Use initials NOT first names for authors and editors. Never spell out 1st **or** middle names.
- Date information is **always** located after names of authors in parentheses (2010)
- Always put a space after a period.
- Use ampersand symbol **&** before last author listed, if you have more than one author.
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- An ampersand **&** is always used before the final author in list of authors.
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- In a collection of articles in a book, only the book title is in italics, not the chapter title.

Book with one author or editor:

Hock, R. R. (2010). *Forty studies that changed psychology: Explorations into psychological research*. Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Rosenthal, M. M. (Ed.). (2000). *Children and play: An exploration*. New York: Jossey-Bass.

Book with two to six authors or editors:

Emde, R. N., Smith, M. L., & Hewitt, J. K., Jr. (2001). *Infancy to early childhood* (3rd ed.). Oxford, NY: Oxford University Press.

Mittel, A. B., Beck, C. B., & Carr, P. L., Sr. (Eds.). (2007). *Place and time: Psychological implications*. London: Cambridge University Press.

Book with seven or more authors or editors:

Jones, M., Smith, P. Marte, L., Panit, K., Hobbs, T., Lex, D.,... (2008).

Depression and young adults. Cambridge, MA: Haworth Press.

Chapter in an edited book:

If there are authors and editors (or translators), the initials of the

editors' first names come before their last names. The word "editors" is never spelled out.

More, A. A., & Smith, P. A. (2002). Eating disorders. In J. Kast, P. Smith, & L. Tao

(Eds.). *Psychology* (pp. 120-159). New York: Wiley Press.

Chapter in textbook:

Nolen-Hoeksema, S. (2007). Suicide. *Abnormal psychology* (4th ed., pp. 351-374). Boston:

McGraw-Hill.

Electronic books:

Jung, C. G. (1993). *Freud and psychoanalysis* (R.F.C. Hull, Trans.) Retrieved from

<http://books.google.com> (Original work published 1961).

In-text citation gives both dates: Jung (1961/1993).

Organization, agency, association or institution as author:

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the*

American psychological association (6th ed.). Washington, DC:

American Psychological Association.

REFERENCE BOOKS**Reference book:**

Ingram, R. E. (2004). Childhood depression. In *Encyclopedia of human*

emotion (Vol. 4, pp.113-122). San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

Roeckelein, J. E. (2001). *Dictionary of theories, laws, and concepts in psychology*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Co-dependency. (2006). In A. Mist, P. A. Smith, & J. Hill (Eds.), *Dictionary of psychological terms* (pp.13-15). Chicago: Chicago University Press.

PERIODICALS

Article in paper journal or magazine (Print)

Field, T., Diego, M., & Sanders, C. (Spring, 2002). Adolescents' parent and peer relationships. *Adolescence*, 37(145), 121-129.

Maetion, P. L. (2001, November 10). Serial killers and child abuse. *Science*, 111, 10-13.

Levinson, J. A., & Olson, P. L. (1998). Empathy in children. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 24, 195-204.

Article in a newspaper:

Bipolar disorders in children. (2001, July 10). *New York Times*, pp. D13-15.

Government publications and ERIC documents:

Janix, A. P., Moson, T. L., & Jones, M. L. (2002). *Mental illness and the homeless*. (NIH Publication No. NIH 20-3456). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

National Institute of Teaching. (2000). *The origins of play*. (Report No. NIT-RT 100-4). Boston: National Center for Teaching Research. Retrieved from ERIC Database (ED 100 102).

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SAMPLE FORM:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*,

volume number(issue), pages. doi:0000000/000000000000

Jones, A. Alcoholism and depression. *Journal of Alcohol and Addictions*, 13(10/11),

1245-1283. doi:10.1111/1234567890

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Doka, K. A. (2010). Death, grief and sorrow. *Journal of Death*, 8, 14-20. Retrieved from <http://baywood.metapress.com/link.asp?id=3246xu0621063077>

Whitney, A. (2010). Addiction and relapse [Electronic version]. *Drug Research*, 30(10), 535-555.

Peteer, A. (2009, September 23). Jung's Red Book. *New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Course online lecture notes and presentation slides

Provide in brackets file format: [Word document] [PDF document]

Dodd, B. (2009) Lecture 2: Nursing practices [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from Nursing 101 Course Notes <http://www.sunyulster.sln.suny.edu>

Citing Indirect Sources

List source in which work was discussed in reference list.

James, A. P., & Murphy, J. B. (1993). Mind and science: Duality and modality. *Psychology and Pscyhologists* 9(6), 29-43.

In-text citation:

In Freud's study (as cited in James & Murphy, 1993, p.40)

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