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Books

Typical book entry -- single author

Arnheim, R. (1971). *Art and visual perception*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Publishing information - Spell out the publishing names of associations and university presses, but omit superfluous terms such as "Publishers," "Co.," or "Inc." If two or more locations are given, give the location listed first or the publisher's home office. When the publisher is a university and the name of the state (or province) is included in the university name, do not repeat the name of the state/province in the publisher location. When the author and publisher are identical, use the word "Author" as the name of the publisher.

American Psychiatric Association. (1994). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (4th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Multiple authors

When a work has up to (and including) six authors, cite all authors. When a work has more than six authors cite the first six followed by "et al."

Festinger, L., Riecken, H., & Schachter, S. (1956). *When prophecy fails*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Roeder, K., Howdeshell, J., Fulton, L., Lochhead, M., Craig, K., Peterson, R., et al. (1967). *Nerve cells and insect behavior*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Corporate authorship

Institute of Financial Education. (1982). *Managing personal funds*. Chicago: Midwestern.

No author identified

Experimental psychology. (1938). New York: Holt.

Citing items in an anthology/chapter in edited book

Rubenstein, J.P. (1967). The effect of television violence on small children. In B.F. Kane (Ed.),

Television and juvenile psychological development (pp. 112-134). New York: American Psychological Society.

Reprinted or republished chapter

Freud, S. (1961). The ego and the id. In J. Strachey (Ed. and Trans.), *The standard edition*

of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud (Vol. 19, pp. 3-66). London: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1923)

Following the entry, enclose "Original work published" in parentheses, noting the original date.

Chapter in a volume in a series

Maccoby, E.E., & Martin, J. (1983). Socialization in the context of the family: Parent-child

interaction. In P.H. Mussen (Series Ed.) & E.M. Hetherington (Vol. Ed.), *Handbook of child psychology: Vol. 4. Socialization, personality, and social development* (4th ed., pp. 1-101). New York: Wiley.

Citing multivolume works

Wilson, J. G., & Fraser, F. C. (Eds.). (1977-1978). *Handbook of teratology* (Vols. 1-4).

New York: Plenum Press.

In listing a multivolume work, the publication dates should be inclusive for all volumes. The volumes should be identified, in parentheses, immediately following the book title. Do not use a period between the title and the parenthetical information; close the entire title, including the volume information, with a period.

Edited collections

Higgins, J. (Ed.). (1988). *Psychology*. New York: Norton.

or

Grice, H. P., & Gregory, R. L. (Eds.). (1968). *Early language development*.

New York: McGraw-Hill.

Citing specific editions of a book

Brockett, O. (1987). *History of the theatre* (5th ed.). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Immediately after the book's title, note the edition information in parentheses (for example, "5th ed." or "rev. ed."). Do not use a period between the title and the parenthetical information.

Translated works

Freud, S. (1970) *An outline of psychoanalysis* (J. Strachey, Trans.). New York:

Norton. (Original work published 1940)

The original publication date is the last portion of the entry and should be in parentheses with the note "Original work published" followed by the date.

Proceedings

Deci, E.L., & Ryan, R.M. (1991). A motivational approach to self: Integrataion in personality.

In R. Dienstbier (Ed.), *Nebraska Symposium on Motivation: Vol. 38. Perspectives on motivation* (pp. 237-288). Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

or

Cynx, J., Williams, H., & Nottebohm, F. (1992). Hemispheric diffences in avian song

discrimination. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA*, 89, 1372-1375.

Journals

Citing articles in journals with continuous pagination

Passons, W. (1967). Predictive validities of the ACT, SAT, and high school grades

for first semester GPA and freshman courses. *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, 27, 1143-1144.

Citing articles in journals with non-continuous pagination

Sawyer, J. (1966). Measurement and prediction, clinical and statistical. *Psychological*

Bulletin, 66 (3), 178-200.

Because pagination begins anew with each issue of this journal, it is necessary to include the issue number in parentheses after the volume number. Note that there is a comma between the issue number and the page numbers, but no comma between the italicized volume number and the issue number. If the periodical does not use volume numbers, include "pp." before the page numbers so the reader will understand that the numbers refer to pagination. Use "p." if the source is a page or less long.

Citing articles in monthly periodicals

Chandler-Crisp, S. (1988, May) "Aerobic writing": a writing practice model. *Writing*

Lab Newsletter, pp. 9-11.

Citing articles in weekly periodicals

Kauffmann, S. (1993, October 18). On films: class consciousness. *The New Republic*, p.30.

Newspaper articles

Monson, M. (1993, September 16). Urbana firm obstacle to office project.

The Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette, pp. A1,A8.

No author identified

Clinton puts 'human face' on health-care plan. (1993, September 16).

The New York Times, p. B1.

Reprinted or republished articles

Clark, G., & Zimmerman, E. (1988). Professional roles and activities as models for art

education. In S. Dobbs (Ed.), *Research readings for discipline-based art education*.
Reston, VA: NAEA. (Reprinted from *Studies in Art Education*, 19 (1986), 34-39.)

Following the entry, enclose "Reprinted from" in parentheses, noting the original publication information. Close with a period.

ERIC Documents (Report available from the Educational Resources Information Center)

Mead, J.V. (1992). *Looking at old photographs: Investigating the teacher tales*

that novice teachers bring with them (Report No. NCRTL-RR-92-4).

East Lansing, MI: National Center for Research on Teacher Learning.
(ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED346082)

Dissertations

Dissertation obtained from Dissertation Abstracts International (DAI)

Bower, D.L. (1993). Employee assistant programs supervisory referrals: Characteristics

of referring and nonreferring supervisors. *Dissertation Abstracts International*,
54 (01), 534B. (UMI No. 9315947)

Dissertation obtained from the university:

Ross, D. F. (1990). Unconscious transference and mistaken identity: When a witness

misidentifies a familiar but innocent person from a lineup (Doctoral dissertaton,
Cornell University, 1990). *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 51, 417.

Give the university and year of the dissertation as well as the volume and page numbers from the
Dissertation Abstract International.

Other Media

Citing interviews

Archer, N. (1993). [Interview with Helen Burns, author of Sense and Perception].

Journal of Sensory Studies, 21, 211-216.

In this example, the interview lacks a title, so a description of the interview is given in brackets. If the
interview has a title, include the title (without quotation marks) after the year, and then give a further
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Unpublished interviews do not need a reference page entry because they are what the Publication
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(N. Archer, personal interview, October 11, 1993)

Citing films or videotapes

[Motion picture] replaces Film and Videotape as a bracketed descriptor.

Weir, P.B. (Producer), & Harrison, B.F. (Director). (1992). *Levels of consciousness*

[Motion picture]. Boston, MA: Filmways.

Here, the main people responsible for the videotape are given, with their roles identified in parentheses after their names. After the title, the medium is identified (here, a motion picture). The distributor's name and location comprises the last part of the entry.

Citing recordings

Writer, A. (Date of copyright). Title of song [Recorded by artist if different from writer].

On *Title of album* [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.]. Location: Label.
(Recording date if different than copyright)

McFerrin, Bobby (Vocalist). (1990). *Medicine music* [Cassette Recording]. Hollywood,
CA: EMI-USA.

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Citing computer software

Arend, Dominic N. (1993). Choices (Version 4.0) [Computer software]. Champaign, IL: U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers Research Laboratory. (CERL Report No.CH7-22510)

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The second date which follows is the date the user retrieved the material. No period follows an Internet Web address.

Schneiderman, R. A. (1997). Librarians can make sense of the Net. *San Antonio*

Business Journal, 11, 58+. Retrieved January 27, 1999, from EBSCO Masterfile database.

Article in an Internet-only journal

Kawasaki, J. L., & Raven, M.R. (1995). Computer-administered surveys in extension.

Journal of Extension, 33, 252-255. Retrieved June 2, 1999, from <http://joe.org/joe/index.html>

Article in an Internet-only newsletter

Waufton, K.K. (1999, April). Dealing with anthrax. *Telehealth News*, 3(2). Retrieved

December 16, 2000, from http://www.telehealth.net/subscribe/newsletr_5b.html#1

Internet technical or research reports

University of California, San Francisco, Institute for Health and Aging. (1996, November).

Chronic care in America: A 21st century challenge. Retrieved September 9, 2000, from the Robert Wood Foundation Web site: <http://www.rwjf.org/library/chrcare>

Document created by private organization, no page numbers, no date

Greater Hattiesburg Civic Awareness Group, Task Force on Sheltered Programs. (n.d.).

Fund-raising efforts. Retrieved November 10, 2001, from <http://www.hattiesburgcag.org>

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Document from university program or department

McNeese, M.N. (2001). *Using technology in educational settings*. Retrieved October 13, 2001,

from University of Southern Mississippi, Educational Leadership and Research Web site: <http://www-dept.usm.edu/~eda/>

E-Mail, newsgroups, online forums, discussion groups and electronic mailing lists

Personal communications, which are not archived, should not be included in reference lists and cited within the text only: Smith, Fred ("personal communication," January 21, 1999)

If archived

Hammond, Tl (2000, November 20). YAHC: Handle Parameters, DOI Genres, etc. Message posted to Ref-Links electronic mailing list, archived at <http://www.doi.org/mail-archive/ref-link/msg00088.html>

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