



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) STYLE

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Introduction-

American Psychological Association (APA) Style is a set of rules developed to assist reading comprehension in the **social and behavioral sciences**. It designs to ensure clarity of communication.

- The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* contains the rules for every aspect of writing. It is used especially in the social sciences research to avoiding plagiarism and constructing accurate reference citations. "The General Format of APA is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. General guidelines for a paper in APA style includes: **typed, double-spaced on standard-sized paper (8.5" x 11")** with 1" margins on all sides. The font should be clear and highly readable. APA recommends **using 12 pt. Times New Roman font.**"

Historical information about APA

- The APA was founded in July 1892 at Clark University by a small group of around 30 men; by 1916 there were over 300 members. The first president was G. Stanley Hall. During World War II, the APA merged with other psychological organizations, resulting in a new divisional structure. Nineteen divisions were approved in 1944; the divisions with the most members were the clinical and personnel .**From 1960 to 2007**, the number of divisions expanded to 54. Today the APA is affiliated with 60 state, territorial, and Canadian provincial associations
- **Dominance of clinical psychology**
Due to the dominance of clinical psychology in APA, several research-focused groups have broken away from the organization. These include the Psychonomic Society in 1959 (with a primarily cognitive orientation), and the Association for Psychological Science (which changed its name from the American Psychological Society in early 2006) in 1988 (with a broad focus on the science and research of psychology). Theodore H. Blau was the first

clinician in independent practice to be elected president of the **American Psychological Association in 1977.**

The American Psychological Association referencing style (or APA as it is more commonly known) is used across a variety of disciplines.

▪ **The sixth and latest edition was published in 2010**

The sixth edition offers new and expanded instruction on publication ethics, statistics, journal article reporting standards, electronic reference formats, and the construction of tables and figures. The sixth edition has been revised and updated

Citation Styles for Research Papers-

- **APA:** Psychology, Education, and other social sciences.
- **MLA:** literature, arts, and humanities.
- **AMA:** medicine, health, and biological sciences. (American Medical Association)
- **Turabian:** designed for college students to use with all subjects.
- **Chicago:** used with all subjects in the "real world" by books, magazines, newspapers, and other non-scholarly publications

Meaning of Citation- To cite means to note or refer to something. A citation is a reference or a mention. When we do research it is important to refer or mention where we found our information.

▶ **Sources of References**

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- Book with one author
 - Book with an editor
 - Journal articles
 - Newspaper article
 - Online article
 - Y-tube
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 - Lecture
 - Interview
 - Web page
 - Email
 - More Examples & In-text citations
 - Blog
 - Government Report
 - Encyclopedia

Books and book chapters

Journal articles, newspaper articles and conference papers

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- Single author
 - Two authors
 - Three to six authors
 - More than six authors
 - No author
 - Edited book
 - Journal article (print version)
 - Journal article (full-text from electronic database)
 - Non-English journal article translated into English
 - Newspaper article (available in print)
 - Newspaper article (from electronic database)
 - Article (from the Internet,
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- Chapter, article or section in a book
 - Chapter or article in an edited book
 - \ E-book
 - Proceedings of meetings and symposiums, conference papers
 - Systematic reviews
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Other materials

- Audio recording
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Brochure
- Government report (online)
- Image on the Internet
- Lecture (unpublished)/ personal communication
- Podcast (from the Internet)
- Thesis
- Video recording, television broadcast or episode in a series
- Video (from the Internet)
- Web page / document on the Internet

Bibliography Versus Reference List

In APA Style, include a **reference list** rather than a **bibliography** with your paper.

What's the difference?

A **reference list** consists of all sources cited in the text of a paper, listed alphabetically by author's surname.

A **bibliography**, however, may include resources that were consulted but not cited in the text as well as an annotated description of each one. Bibliographies may be organized chronologically, or by subject, rather than alphabetically.

References-

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