

Report Writing

The American Psychological Association (APA) has a publication guide with strict rules for the form of published papers and for references. The following examples will assist you in doing the homework problems which follow these examples.

EXAMPLES OF APA STYLE FOR PERIODICALS

JOURNALS

The underlined numbers refer to the volume number, and the pages follow without underlining.

NOTE the indentation, precise underlining, and double-spacing for the reference.

Single author

Pauley, L. L. (1989). Customer weight as a variable in salespersons' response time. Journal of Social Psychology, 129, 713-714.

Two authors

Newberry, M. K., & Parish, T. S. (1987). Enhancement of attitudes toward handicapped children through social interactions. Journal of Social Psychology, 127, 59-62.

Multiple authors

Knox, V. J., Gekoski, W. L., & Kelly, L. E. (1995).
The Age Group Evaluation and Description (AGED) Inventory:
A new instrument for assessing stereotypes of and attitudes

toward age groups. International Journal of Aging & Human Development, 40, 31-55.

EXAMPLES OF APA STYLE FOR BOOKS

1 author

Li, F. R. (2001). The crisis in mental health. Boston, MA: Harcourt Brace.

2 authors

Brown, J. R. & Illian, K. (1987). Judging program evaluation. New York: Penguin Books.

EXAMPLES OF APA STYLE FOR BOOK CHAPTERS

2 authors, 1 editor

Macdonald, K., & Tipton, C. (1993). Using documents. In N. Gilbert (Ed.), Researching social life (pp. 187-200). London, England: Sage.

1 author, 2 editors

Bjork, R. A. (1989). Retrieval inhibition as an adaptive mechanism in human memory. In H. L. Roediger & F. I. M. Craik (Eds.), Varieties of memory & consciousness (pp. 309-330). Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

If these models are not adequate for your reference (they should be), see the Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (4th edition) available at the SS/Hum desk, 2nd floor Shields Library.

ASSIGNMENT: Type out or print the following references in proper APA form. Bring them to your section meeting. Note that these examples are NOT now written in APA style.

1. A book by James Arthur Field titled The Interpretation of Wine, published in 1976 in Los Angeles by Harper & Row.
2. An article by Stanley Sue and Alice Jane Eagly titled "Cross cultural trends in hospital admissions." This was published in Volume 6 of Journal of Behavior in 1996, on pages 184 through 189.
3. A chapter by Virginia Jane Masters and William A. Johnson titled "Attention deficit disorders." This was published on pages 184 through 189 in a book Disorders of Childhood, edited by William Saul Garcia and J. Brenda Davidson, and published by World Press in New York City in 1999.