

APA Sample Reference Page
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BOOKS

Basic format for a book

Author's last name, Author's first initial. (Year of publication). *Title of book*. City of publication: Publisher.

Highmore, B. (2001). *Everyday life and cultural theory*. New York: Routledge.

Book with two authors

Walker, J. R., & Taylor, T. (1998). *Title of book*. City of publication: Publisher.

Book with more than two authors

Sloan, F. A., Stout, E. M., Whetton-Goldstein, K., and Liang, L. (2000). *Title of book*. City of publication: Publisher.

Work within an anthology

Author of the work's last name, first initial. (Year of publication). Title of the article or chapter. In Editor's first initial(s). last name. (Ed.), *Title of anthology or book* (pp. page number of first page of work – page number of last page of work). City of publication: Publisher

Hansberry, L. (1991). A raisin in the sun. In L. Patterson (Ed.), *Black Theater: A twentieth century collection of the works of its best playwrights* (pp. 221-276). New York: Dodd.

ONLINE SOURCES

Document from a Web site (with date of publication)

Author's last name, Author's first initial. (Year of Publication, Month and Date of Publication). *Title of website document or article*. Retrieved from URL.

Cain, A., & Burris, M. (1999, April 6). *Investigation of the use of mobile phones while driving*. Retrieved from http://www.cutr.eng.usf.edu/its/mobile_phone_text.htm

Document from a Web site (with no date of publication)

Author's last name, Author's first initial. (n.d.). *Title of the document or article*. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from URL.

Archer, D. (n.d.). *Exploring nonverbal communication*. Retrieved March 2, 2006, from <http://nonverbal.ucsc.edu>

Article from an online database

Author's last name, Author's first initial. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Volume number(Issue number), First page of article-last page of article. Retrieved from Name of Database (document number, if given).

Howard, K.R. (2007). Childhood overweight: Parental perceptions and readiness for change. *The Journal of School Nursing*, 23(2), 73-79. Retrieved from EBSCOhost database.

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EXAMPLE: Walker (2000) compared reaction times (p. 6).

If you do not mention the author's name within your sentence, you need to include the author's last name, the year of publication, and page number of where the information was cited from in the parentheses at the end of the sentence before the period.

EXAMPLE: In a recent study, scientists compared reaction times (Walker, 2000, p. 6).

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