

**APA STYLE – Electronic Media  
Sixth Edition - Basic Information**

This guide explains how to format electronic media reference citations in text and how to write a Reference List for this type of material. The information in this guide is taken from the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA, 2010). Two copies of this manual are available to students; one copy is on general reserve and the other copy is located in the reference section (R 808.066 Am3 2010). Always check with your professor for additional guidelines.

**Citing Article Databases**

**In Text Citation**

Journal articles from electronic databases are either in PDF reproduction or HTML format.

- For PDF format, follow the pages as they appear, as they are the exact replica of the journal article. (Author, year, page).
- For HTML format use the ¶ symbol or para.(Eid, & Langeheine, 1999, ¶7)
- If there are headings in the document you can cite the heading and the number of paragraphs that follow it. (Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, ¶ 1)

**Refer to APA Citations Guidelines Handout for specific information on how to cite direct or paraphrased materials.**

**Formatting Articles from Article Databases for the Reference List**

**Please note:** Reference list should be double- spaced with a hanging indent!

**Author.** (year, month day). **Title of article.** *Periodical Title*, *volume number*, page numbers.

**Retrieved from name of database.**

**Examples of Scholarly Journal and Popular Magazine:**

Krum, G., Beagle, M.E., & McCheng. (2007, fall). Effects of caffeine and coffee on females. (Clinical report). *VAHERD Journal*, 29(2), 15-20. Retrieved from Health Reference Center Academic database.  
Scheiwe, H. (2003, February). Caffeine confessions: I had to admit that I was hooked on coffee. *Campus Life*, 61(7), 112. Retrieved from Academic Onefile database.

**Note:** For title of article only capitalize first word, pronouns, and word after colon. If paging is per issue, then add issue number as well as volume.

**Example of citing electronic versions of reference books or eBooks which are part of the Brennan Library collection:**

Theлин, J.R. (2009). College culture. In D. Carr (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the life course and human development*. (pp.98-102). Retrieved from Gale Virtual Reference Library.

Ewing, J. (2009). Jim Morrison. In Alfred W. Cramer (Ed.), *Musicians and composers of the Twentieth Century*. Retrieved from Salem History database.

## Citing Internet Sources In Text Citation

Include authors' names, organization, or document title and date of publication (if available). This information should provide a link to the reference list. As with electronic databases, try to include heading and paragraph instead of page number.

### Formatting Internet Sources for Reference List

#### Guidelines:

- Check with your professor before including Internet sources in your work.
- Direct readers as closely as possible to the information being cited. Be specific to document rather than home page.
- Provide addresses that work.
- Do **not** include a period at the end of the Internet reference.
- Minimal information should include document title or description, date (of publication or retrieval), and URL (web address).

**Author's name (last name, first and any middle initials) OR Organization. (Date of publication or update-if known- in parentheses). *Title of document*. Retrieved, from URL**

#### Examples:

##### Organization/title:

Rock the Vote. (2009, September, 17). *Student bill to pass House today*. Retrieved from <http://rockthevote.org>

##### Author/title:

Linder, D. (2009). Salem witchcraft trials. In *Famous American trials*. Retrieved from <http://www.law.umbc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/SALEM.HTM>

##### University report, no author

Harvard School of Public Health. (2009). *The nutrition source: Choosing healthy drinks*. Retrieved from <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/healthy-drinks/>

##### Website with no author or date of publication or copyright date:

*Famous authors & their creations*. (n.d.). Retrieved November 23, 2009 from <http://library.thinkquest.org/5444/>

##### Online Newspaper Article

Gettleman, J. (2009, September 6). Sudan court to define indecent dress for women. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/>

### Audiovisual Media

**This includes motion picture, audio or television broadcasts, podcasts, maps, artwork and photos. refer to p. 209-210 in manual.**

#### Sample of video/DVD includes:

**Producer, A. (Producer) & Director, A. (Director). (Year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio.**

#### Basic example:

Baird, R., & Curbishley, B. (Producer) & Roddam, F. (Director). (2001). *Quadrophenia* [Motion Picture]. United States: Rhine Home video.