A Guide to APA Style

APA is used mostly fro social science classes and in some history and humanities classes. This should help you with some general examples of in-text citation and reference page citation.

In-text citations

- A book with one author: Last name of the author and year of publication.

    Example: (Smith 2000).

- An un-authored newspaper article: The first few words of the title, in quotations, and the year of publication.

    Example: ("New Drug," 2002).

- An academic article with two authors: The last names of both authors and the year of publication.

    Example: (Johnson & Brown, 1994).

- An academic article from a database: If there are 1-5 authors, the last names of each. If there are 6 or more, list the last name of the first author followed by "et al". After either, the year of publication.

    Examples: (Thomas, Valjean, & Roberts, 1999) or (Thomas et al., 2005).

- A website: The main name of the website and the year of publication.

    Example: (University of Michigan, 2005).

Reference page citations

On the reference page, double space the entire page and order entries alphabetically by the last name of the author. If your citation extends for more than one line, indent the second line by using a hanging indent of one-half inch.

- Book: Last name of the author, initial(s) of the author. (Year of publication). *Title of work*. Location of publisher; name of publisher.

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

- Un-authored newspaper article: "Title of article." (Year of publication). *Title of newspaper*, page number(s).

    Example: "Finding eats at mystery of appetite." (1998, February 20). *The Oregonian*, pp. A1, A17.

- Academic article from a Database: Last name of first author, initial(s) of first author, last name, initial(s) of second author, & last name, initial(s) of third author. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of journal*, volume (issue), page number(s). Date you retrieved the article (month, day, year), source (database) where you found the article.

    Example: Holliday, R.E., & Hayes, B.K. (2001). Dissociating automatic and intentional processes in children's eyewitness memory. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, 75* (1), 1-5. Retrieved February 21, 2001, from Expanded Academic ASAP database (A59317972).

- Website: Last name of the author, initial(s) of the author. (Year of publication). Date you retrieved the information (month, day, year), website were you found information.

    Example: Hacker, D. (2006). May 24, 2006, from www.dianahacker.com/resdoc.

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