

How to Make Citations for the APA References Page

Each entry on the APA references page contains information that will help the reader find the source. Each citation includes information, such as author, title, and publication date. The source's information is arranged in a certain order and can be completed in a series of steps. Each of the following steps finds certain information from the source and places it in the citation correctly. Some steps only apply to certain sources. **If you cannot find the information for one of the steps, skip it.**

1. Create the References Page

- At the end of your paper, insert an official page break.
- On the first line of the page, type the word "References" then bold and center it.
- Hit the Enter key.
- Return to left alignment.
- Type all of the citations here.

2. Author

One Author:

- Write the author's surname.
- Insert a comma.
- Write the initial of the author's first name.
- Insert a period.

Young, S. (2015). When an invasive plant fails to invade. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, 13(8), 450-451. <https://doi.org/10.1890/1540-929513.8.450>

Two to Twenty Authors:

- Write the first author's surname (start with the first author listed in the source).
- Insert a comma.
- Write the initials of the author's first and middle names.
- Insert a period.
- Add a comma.
- Repeat steps a through e for all the authors, except the last author.
- Insert an ampersand (&) before the last author.
- Write the last author according to steps a through d.

Bentley, E., Oberg, C., & Nakaoka, K. (2014).

Microbial screening of potable water sources in Guatemala: A potential source of disease transmission. *Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences*, 91, 43-60. <https://tinyurl.com/yyktpzx8>

Twenty-One or More Authors:

- Write the first 19 authors' names according to the instructions given above.
- Insert an ellipsis (...).
- Skip to the last author.
- Write the last author's surname.
- Insert a comma.
- Write the initial of the author's first name.
- Insert a period.

Ward, R., Gray, J., Frau, A., Hart, R., Stein, I., Hale, S., West, K., Ellis, P., Lee, C., Wang, L., Garcia, P., Smith, D., Lopez, J., Ahmed, A., Evans, H., Slane, T., Adams, W., Green, O., Hall, F., . . . Riley, J. L. (2005). CTLA-4 receptors inhibit T-cell activation. *Molecular Biology*, 25(21), 9543-9553.

Associations as Authors:

- Write the full name of the association.
- Insert a period.

National Cancer Institute. (2017). *Cancer stat facts: Lung and bronchus cancer*. <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/lungb.html>

3. Source's Publication Date

- Identify the date the source was published.
- Write the date in parentheses.
- Insert a period.

Onodera, T., Poe, J., Tedder, T., & Tsubata, T. (2008). CD22 regulates time course of both B cell division and antibody response. *Journal of Immunology*, 180(2), 907-913. <https://doi.org/10.4049/jimmunol.180.2.907>

For magazines, websites, and newspapers, write (year, month day).

For papers and posters, write (year, month).
If there is no date, write (n.d.).

4. Source's Title

- Identify the title.
- Identify what type of source it is.
 - Is it a small work? Article or website.
 - Is it a large work? Book or periodical.
- Write the title according to its type.
 - If it is a small work, write the title:

Salama, A. K. S., & Hodi, F. S. (2011). **Cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen-4**. *Clinical Cancer Research*, 17(14), 4622-4628. <http://doi.org/10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-10-2232>

ii. If it is a large work, italicize the title:

Schneier, B. (2015). *Data and goliath: The hidden battles to collect your data and control the world.*

W. W. Norton & Company.

d. Insert period after the title.

NOTE: For step 4, only the first word in the title and subtitle should be capitalized.

5. Larger Container (If Applicable)

- If the source is a small work, write the title of the larger container (the webpage or periodical/academic journal) in italics.
- Insert a comma.

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6. Publication Information (Periodicals)

Determine whether the source is a periodical.

Periodicals/Academic Journals:

- Identify the publication info (journal title, volume number, issue number).
- Write the volume number in italics.
- If available, write the issue number in parentheses, then add a period.
- Write the page range of the article as #-#.
- Insert a period.

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7. Publication Information (Non-Periodical)

- Identify the publication information.
- Write the publisher.
- Insert a period.

Anthony, L. (2017). *The aliens among us: How invasive species are transforming the planet—and ourselves.* Yale University Press.

8. Electronic Sources and Locator Information

Digital Object Identifier (DOI):

- Identify Digital Object Identifier (DOI).
 - DOIs can usually be found with the source's copyright information.
- Write as "https://doi.org/XXXX/aaa.XX."

Parry, R. V., Chemnitz, J. M., Frauwirth, K. A., Lanfranco, A. R., Braunstein, I., Kobayashi, S. V., . . . Riley, J. L. (2005). CTLA-4 and PD-1 receptors inhibit T-cell activation by distinct mechanisms. *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, 25(21), 9543-9553. <https://doi.org/10.1128/MCB.25.21.9543-9553.2005>

Uniform Resource Locator (URL):

- If there is no DOI, use the URL.
- Copy and paste the URL into the citation.

National Cancer Institute. (2017). *Cancer stat facts: Lung and bronchus cancer.* <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/lungb.html>

NOTE: Do not add a period after the URL or DOI. Leave as is.

9. Repeat for All Your Citations

Repeat steps two through eight for each source until all the sources have a citation.

10. Format the References Page

- Alphabetize the citations according to the authors' surnames.
- Highlight all the citations.
- Double space the citations.
- Using paragraph settings, insert the hanging indent.

Congratulations! You're done!
Your references page should resemble this:

References

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