APA STYLE GUIDELINES

These examples are designed to show you how to cite various types of sources in APA style. For situations not covered here, ask a librarian or consult the *APA Publication Manual* in the Ready Reference area.

**Journal Articles - print & online**


**Journal tips:**
- Although you may have found your journal article through a library database, you do not need to include the name of that database in your APA-style citation.
- Many library databases will format citations for articles for you – be sure to check that the citation is correct before pasting it into your list of references.
- The DOI (Digital Object Identifier) provides a universal and persistent link to content published online. You can think of it as being similar to a URL address, but one which never changes or goes bad. Many articles published online have DOI numbers, but not all. Include it whenever possible.
- If you are having trouble finding the DOI for an article, try pasting the citation into CrossRef.org, a website designed to locate difficult-to-find DOIs.

**Magazine Article**

General format: Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, pg-pg.


**Newspaper Article**

General format: Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, Page number.


### Web Sources


### Web tips:
- Before using a web-based source for your research, make sure that it will pass the usual tests for authority, accuracy, and reliability.
- If a web-based source more closely resembles any other type of source (journal, magazine, or newspaper, recording, review, etc.), use the APA Guidelines for that source type, rather than the webpage example given above.
- If you are discussing a web source in a general sense, you can just use a parenthetical citation with the URL. You do not need to cite it separately in your reference list.
  - Example: “President Obama often uses Facebook (www.facebook.com/barakobama) to inform citizens about his initiatives.”

### Books, Chapters, Encyclopedias


