

# How to Write a Citation Using APA Format

# Four “W’s” You Should Include in Every Citation

1. Who (Author)
2. When (Date)
3. What (Title)
4. Where (Publication Information)

# WHO

## 1. Author/APA Style

- Who wrote it? (author or editor?)
- Last name first, first initial (Smith, J.)
- More than one author? list all (up to 7)
- Add the symbol & before the last author
- No author listed? Jump to title (see More Examples, slide 10)

# WHEN

## 2. Date/APA Style

- In parentheses
- Year, then month, spelled out, if available
- Period after parentheses
- Example: (2004, February).

# WHAT

## 3. Title/APA Style

- Periodicals (magazines, journals, newspapers, etc.) have **2** titles
- The article title comes first
- The periodical title comes second *in italics*
- Books usually have just one title, *in italics*

# WHERE

## 4. Publication Information/APA Style Articles

- Volume number, then issue number in parentheses.
- Do not use the letters Vol. before the number
- Retrieved date
- Name of database

# WHERE

## 4. Publication Information/APA Style Books

- City of publication
- Colon :
- Publisher
- Example
  - Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, Inc.

# Hanging Indent

- The first line is all the way to the left side of the page.
- All the other lines are indented 5 spaces, or about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch—like these lines



# Putting it together

## Examples/APA

- Gallagher, R. & McKinley, S. (2007, May). Stressors and anxiety in patients undergoing coronary artery bypass surgery. *American Journal of Critical Care*. 16(3), 248-258. Retrieved August 21, 2007 from Career and Technical Education database.
- Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *New York Times*. Retrieved November 21, 2000, from <http://www.nytimes.com>
- Nash, T. (2005, June). Don't miss the train. *Motor* 203(6), 42-48. Retrieved August 21, 2007 from Career and Technical Education database.

# More Examples

Mickenberg, K. (2008, September/October). The apple of your eyes (and heart and brain). *Psychology Today* 41(5) 63. Retrieved February 2, 2009 from Academic Search Complete.

No bad apples here. (2009, January). *American Fitness*, Retrieved February 3, 2009, from Academic Search Complete database.

# Examples Books

- Eysenck, M. W. (1977). *Human Memory: Theory, research, and individual differences*. Elmsford, NY: Pergamon Press.
- Robinson, D. N. (Ed.). (1992). *Social discourse and moral judgment*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

# Help and Tips

- <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>  
– Sample paper, Social Sciences
- <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>
- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2010)* is the official source for all documentation.