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*
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
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 ½ inch—like these lines
Putting it together
Examples/APA


More Examples


Examples
Books


Help and Tips

  – Sample paper, Social Sciences

• [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/)

• *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (2010) is the official source for all documentation.