APA Citation Quick Tips

What's APA?

- APA stands for the American Psychological Association. APA style citations are often used in the social sciences.

What is the difference between MLA and APA?

- APA is used in research that is more time sensitive, and the date is given at the beginning of each citation, while MLA is less concerned with dates, and more with authors and titles. In APA, only the author's full last name and first initial(s) are included, and only the first letters of the title and subtitle are capitalized.

APA: Grisham, J. (2017). *The rooster bar*. New York, NY: Doubleday.

MLA: Grisham, John. *The Rooster Bar*. 1 ed., New York, Doubleday, 2017.

Do I title my source page "Works Cited", "References" or "Bibliography"?

- References. "Works Cited" is used in MLA style, and in APA style, it's "References".

Common elements of all APA citations:

1.) Contributors (last name, first initials)
2.) Date
3.) Article or Chapter Title
4.) *Journal or Book Title*
5.) Publication Information

Here is breakdown of an APA citation for a book: (Notice the differences between this and MLA)

Author. (Date of publication). *Title of book*. Publishing Location: Publisher.

Here is breakdown of an APA citation for an article (with two authors) from a database:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume number,* page range. doi/url

What's a DOI? And, do I need it?

- DOI stands for Digital Object Identifier. These are usually found in academic journal articles. The DOI acts as a quick and easy way to locate a published source on the web because every number is unique, and it can be used in place of the URL for articles found online.

Do I need to include the URL?

- In APA, *if you do not have a DOI in your citation AND you found the source online*, *you should include the URL* of the site from which you retrieved the book or article (unless your instructor says otherwise). If you are in a library database, use the URL found by clicking the Permalink tool.

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How Do I Cite That?

Book (one author):

Barrera Saldaña, H. A. (2014). *Monkeys: Brain development, social and hormonal mechanisms and zoonotic diseases*. New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.

What if the book has two authors?

Meier, S.T.., & Davis, S.R. (1993). *The elements of counseling.* Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Pub.

What if the author isn't a person, but an organization?

Ozarks Technical Community College. (2017). *2017-2018 Academic catalog and student handbook.* Retrieved from https://catalog.otc.edu/

Journal Article with DOI:

Sade, R. M. (2017). Introduction: Controversies in clinical research ethics. *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 45*(3), 291-294. doi:10.1177/1073110517737525

Academic Article without DOI, from a Library Database:

Bolat, M. (2016). The development and implementation of a model for teaching astronomy to deaf students. *Journal of Education and Training Studies*, *4*(7), 14-27. Retrieved from http://ezproxy.otc.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=eric&AN=EJ1096659&site=ehost-live

Academic Article without DOI, from the Web:

De Graeve, K., Vervliet, M., & Derluyn, I. (2017). Between immigration control and child protection: Unaccompanied minors in Belgium. *Social Work & Society, 15*(1). Retrieved from http://www.socwork.net/sws/article/view/495

Magazine or Newspaper Article from a Website:

Reed, N. T. (2017, December 14). Life on Mars: Exploration & evidence. In *Space.com*. Retrieved from https://www.space.com/17135-life-on-mars.html

Interview Available Online

Jabbour, A. (Interviewer) & White, R. (Interviewee). (1999, July 21). *Commentary on pow-wow princess song* [Interview audio file]. Retrieved from American Folklife Center website: https://www.loc.gov/item/omhbib000399/

Online Film from a Library Database:

The planets [Video file]. (2006). Retrieved December 18, 2019, from https://fod.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=102922&xtid=34741

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