APA Reference List Examples

The following examples reflect a fraction of the types of resources you may need to cite in a bibliography. Consult pp. 193-224 of the official *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (RREF BF76.7 .P83 2010) for a comprehensive set of examples. Page numbers from the manual for the types of examples given below are seen in the parentheses.

The most important parts of a citation are **author(s)**, **book or journal title**, **article or chapter title**, **publication date**, **volume** and **issue number**, **page numbers**, **place of publication**, **publisher**, **url**, and/or **doi**. Only cite the components that you can definitely locate.

A note on authors in bibliographies: For works with up to 7 authors, include all author names in the order they appear on the work. For works with 8 or more authors, list the first 6 authors, then place a … (an ellipsis) before the name of the last author. If no author exists, then start the citation with the title of the work.

A note on dates: If no publication date exists, then use the following format: (n.d.). If no author exists, then start your citation with the title of the work.

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APA In Text Citation Examples

The following examples do not cover all the different types of situations for which you may need to provide citations in text. Consult pp. 169-192 of the official Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (RREF BF76.7 .P83 2010) for a comprehensive set of examples.

Author names should be ordered the same way they appear in the bibliographic or reference list citations.

If you mention the author’s name in text (i.e., “According to Lennon and McCartney...”), then follow the format for the first two examples under each category. If you do not mention the author’s name in text, then use parenthetical citations.

**One author:**

1st citation in text: Lennon (1968) suggests that... (p. 187)

Subsequent citations in text: Lennon (1968) states that... (p. 195)

1st parenthetical citation: (Lennon, 1968, p. 187)

Subsequent parenthetical citations: (Lennon, 1968, p. 195)

**Two authors:**

1st citation in text: Lennon and McCartney (1968) have written... (pp. 102-104)

Subsequent citations in text: Lennon and McCartney (1968) furthermore believe... (pp. 117-121)

1st parenthetical citation: (Lennon & McCartney, 1968, pp. 102-104)

Subsequent parenthetical citations: (Lennon & McCartney, 1968, pp. 117-121)

**Three authors:**

1st citation in text: Lennon, McCartney, and Harrison (1968) believe that... (pp. 13-19)

Subsequent citations in text: Lennon et al. (1968) also maintain that... (p. 21)

1st parenthetical citation: (Lennon, McCartney, & Harrison, 1968, pp. 13-19)

Subsequent parenthetical citations: (Lennon et al., 1968, p. 21)

**Four authors:**

1st citation in text: Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, and Starr (1968) theorize that... (p. 178)

Subsequent citations in text: Lennon et al. (1968) also suggest... (p. 192)

1st parenthetical citation: (Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, & Starr, 1968, p. 178)
Subsequent parenthetical citations: (Lennon et al., 1968, p. 192)

**Five authors:**

1st citation in text: Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, Starr, and Martin (1968) have...(pp. 236-237)

Subsequent citations in text: Lennon et al. (1968) also write that...(p. 238)

1st parenthetical citation: (Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, Starr, & Martin, 1968, pp. 236-237)

Subsequent parenthetical citations: (Lennon et al., 1968, p. 238)

**Six or more authors:**

1st citation in text: Lennon et al. (1968) believe that...(p. 17)

Subsequent citations in text: Lennon et al. (1968) also suggest that...(pp. 19-20)

1st parenthetical citation: (Lennon et al., 1968, p. 17)

Subsequent parenthetical citations: (Lennon et al., 1968, pp. 19-20)

**Groups (readily identifiable by abbreviations):**

1st citation in text: Central Intelligence Agency (CIA, 2009) personnel believe...(p. 27)

Subsequent citations in text: CIA (2009) authorities also believe...(pp. 28-30)

1st parenthetical citation: (Central Intelligence Agency [CIA], 2009, p. 27)

Subsequent parenthetical citations: (CIA, 2009, pp. 28-30)

**Groups (not readily identifiable by abbreviations):**

1st citation in text: Flagler College (2009) states that...(p. 322)

Subsequent citations in text: Flagler College (2009) also states that...(p. 324)

1st parenthetical citation: (Flagler College, 2009, p. 322)

Subsequent parenthetical citations: (Flagler College, 2009, p. 324)

**Works with no author:**

Use the first few words of the title from the bibliographic citation. If the source is an article, a book chapter, or a web page, then wrap in quotes and follow with the year, for example: (“Survey reveals,” 2009, para. 2)

If the resource is the title of a book or periodical, then italicize, for example: (*The Book of Information*, 2009, p. 62)

**Works by “Anonymous”:**

If the actual author is credited by the name “Anonymous,” then cite as: (Anonymous, 2009, pp. 42-44)