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CITING BOOKS [More information is available in the *Manual*: pp. 202-5*]

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Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). *Title of book*. Location: Publisher.

Example:

Gladwell, M. (2008). *Outliers: The story of success*. New York: Little, Brown.

CITING JOURNAL ARTICLES [More information: pp. 198-202*]

Formula:

Author, A. A. (Year of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume, page numbers. doi

Examples:

Sevincer, A. T., & Oettingen, G. (2009). Alcohol breeds empty goal commitments. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 118, 623-633. doi: 10.1037/a0016199

Hunter, W. S. (1946). Psychology in the war. *American Psychologist*, 1, 479-492.

- Include the digital object identifier (DOI) if it is available.
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CITING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES [More information: p. 200*]

Formula:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Article title. *Newspaper Title*, pp. X, XX.

Example:

Segal, D. (2009, September 7). Gadget makers can find thief, but don't ask. *The New York Times*, pp. A1, B2.

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CITING NON-PAPER SOURCES

1. The *Manual* says, “Choose the example that is most like your source and follow that format.” The *Manual* has 77 different examples of citations. The *Manual* also says, “When in doubt, provide more information rather than less.” More information is available online at www.apastyle.org
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5. Do not add a hyphen to a URL if it is longer than one line: break it before most punctuation.

Example A: Blog Posting [More information: p. 215*]

Scicurious. (2009, August 12). No crybabies in science [Web log message]. Retrieved from http://scienceblogs.com/neurotopia/2009/08/no_crybabies_in_science.php

Example B: Entry in an Online Reference Work, No Author or Editor [p. 205*]

Stochastic. (n.d.). In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary*. Retrieved from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stochastic>

Example C: Online Government Report [p. 205*]

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services. (2007). *Promotion and prevention in mental health: Strengthening parenting and enhancing child resilience* (DHHS Publication No. CMHS-SVP-0186). Retrieved from <http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/SVP-0186.pdf>

Example D: Online Newspaper Article [pp. 200-1*]

Mooallem, J. (2009, September 2). The self-storage self. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/06/magazine/06self-storage-t.html?hpw>

Example E: Podcast [p. 210*]

Van Nuys, D. (Producer). (2007, December 19). *Shrink rap radio* [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <http://www.shrinkrapradio.com/>

Example F: Posting to a Listserv [p. 215*]

Smith, S. (2006, January 5). Re: Disputed estimates of IQ [Electronic mailing list message]. Retrieved from <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForensicNetwork/message/670>

Example G: Web Page with No Author [From: <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/index.aspx>]

New child vaccine gets funding boost. (2001). Retrieved March 21, 2001, from http://news.ninemsn.com.au/health/story_13178.asp