



APA Reference Page Format



Who uses APA format? Why do we have to use it?

(American Psychological Association) formatting is used in the fields of psychology, education, and social sciences.

History is a social science. In this class, we act as historians, and as historians demonstrating our research, we need to show where we found our information.

References: Basics

- Invert authors' names (last name first followed by initials: "Smith, J.Q.")
- Alphabetize reference list entries the last name of the first author of each work
- Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle, the first word after a colon or a dash in the title, and proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first letter of the second word in a hyphenated compound word.

APA Example

References

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Author's Last Name and First Initial. (Publication Date). Title of Page in italics. Retrieved from date if item is likely to change from URL

Kennedy, B., & Funk, C. (2016, July 26). *Key findings on how Americans view new technologies that could enhance human abilities*. Retrieved September 1, 2016 from <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/07/26/key-findings-on-how-americans-view-new-technologies-that-could-enhance-human-abilities/>

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Name of Organization. (Publication Date). Title of media/table/graphics in Italics [media item description]. Retrieved from date if item is likely to change from URL

Pew Research Center. (2016). *Many Americans are paying attention to the Zika virus* [graph]. Retrieved September 1, 2016 from http://www.pewinternet.org/2016/07/08/half-of-americans-say-threats-from-infectious-diseases-are-growing/ps_2016-07-07_zika_0-04/

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