

## APA Style—Reference List/In-Text

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### APA Reference List

#### Print Sources

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##### Chapter in an Edited Book

Author's last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year of publication). Title of the article. In editor's name (Ed.), *Title of the book* (pages of the article). City: Publisher.

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Schwartz, P. (2002, June). Love is not all you need. *Psychology Today, 35*, 57-62.

**Periodical—Newspapers**

Author's last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year, date of publication). Title of the article.  
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Martinez, A. (2004, May 5). Questions arise about liability. *The Sun*, pp. A1, A6.

**Electronic Sources****Article from an Internet-only Journal**

Author's last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year of publication). Title of the article. *Title of Periodical*, Volume(Issue). Retrieval date, from URL

Lambert, E. G., Hogan, N. L., & Barton, S. M. (2003). Collegiate academic dishonesty revisited: What have they done, how often have they done it, who does it, and why did they do it? *Electronic Journal of Sociology*, 7(4). Retrieved May 5, 2004, from [http://www.sociology.org/content/vol7.4/lambert\\_etal.html](http://www.sociology.org/content/vol7.4/lambert_etal.html)

**Journal Article from a Database**

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Szasz (2004) commented, "We are hypocrites if we ignore who the parties are that support the enactment of mental health laws and deny patients the option of rejecting psychiatric services" (p. 8).

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*In-Text*

According to Meyer and Smith (1987), a beginning writer may use academic jargon incorrectly in an attempt to sound sophisticated. Part of a tutor's job, then, is to help that student develop his or her unique voice (p. 162).

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Psychologists Seff, Gecas, and Frey (1993) argued that "research on birth order effects has been remarkably inconsistent and inconclusive with regard to various personality and behavioral outcomes" (Introduction section, ¶ 4).

*Reference List Entry*

Seff, M. A., Gecas, V., & Frey, J. H. (1993). Birth order, self concept, and participation in dangerous sports. *The Journal of Psychology*, 127. Retrieved May 23, 2004, from Expanded Academic ASAP database (Article A14110698).

**No Author/No Date**

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Merton asserted that the "lack of integration between what the culture calls for and what the structure permits . . . causes deviant behavior" (*Merton's Strain*, n.d.).

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