

## Reference List in APA 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Style – Examples and Tips

Please consult your instructor for specific directions, as they may differ from those provided here. See the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2010), available in the MCCC Library reference and course reserves collections at R 808.06615 P976a 2010) and <http://apastyle> for additional information. Parenthetical page references “(see p. #)” are to the *Publication Manual*.

### Examples from MCCC Library-subscribed databases

**Academic Search Premiere (EBSCO). Journal article with DOI (see p. 198); page numbers do not start new at page one in each issue thus issue number not required (see p. 186):**

Porter, G. & Starcevic, V. (2007). Are violent video games harmful? *Australasian Psychiatry*, 15, 422-426. doi:10.1080/10398560701463343

**Academic Search Premiere (EBSCO). Article in a monthly magazine (see p. 200):**

Dybas, C. L. (2014, February 9). Ice bears on the edge. *Natural History*, 122(1) 24-37. Retrieved from <http://ebSCOhost.com>

**Expanded Academic ASAP (Gale). Journal article lacking an assigned DOI (see p.199):**

Hutchinson, D. E. (2008, December). "Fleeting expletives" are the tip of the iceberg: fallout from exposing the arbitrary and capricious nature of indecency regulation. *Federal Communications Law Journal*, 61(1), 229-250. Retrieved from <http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=EAIM>

**JSTOR. Journal article and DOI was not provided by database, so DOI obtained from crossref.org (see p.191); issue number not needed (see p.186), use of double quotation marks (see p.91):**

Spegele, R. D. (1972). Fiction as Political Theory: Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness". *British Journal of Political Science*, 2, 319–337. doi: 10.1017/s0007123400008693

**CQ Researcher. Weekly/Bi-weekly magazine article without DOI (see p. 200):**

Billitteri, T. J. (2009, February 6). Auto industry's future. *CQ Researcher*, 19, 105-128.

Retrieved from <http://library.cqpress.com/>

**Newsbank. Newspaper article (see p. 200):**

Portteus, D. (2009, January 16). Senate vote moves River Raisin battlefield closer to park status.

*The Monroe Evening News*, p. 1A. Retrieved from <http://infoweb.newsbank.com/>



**Nursing Resource Center (Gale). Article in an online reference work (see p. 202):**

Edgren, A. & Odle, T. (2015). Diabetes mellitus. In J. L. Longe (Ed.), *Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine*, (5th ed., vol. 3). Retrieved from  
<http://find.galegroup.com/nrcx/start.do?prodId=NRC>

**Credo Reference. Article with no byline in an online reference book (see p.203):**

Medea. (2006). In S. Rogers, *All things Chaucer: An encyclopedia of Chaucer's world*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. Retrieved from <http://search.credoreference.com/>

**Literature Criticism Online (Gale). Republished article without DOI in a reference book (see p. 203, 204):**

Holloway, K. F. C. (2013). Holy heat: Rituals of the spirit in Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God". In L. J. Trudeau (Ed.), *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism* (vol. 285, pp. 201-208). (Reprinted from *Religion and Literature* 23(3), 127-141.) Retrieved from  
<http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=LCO> (Original work published 1991)

### **Examples from the MCCC Library print collections**

**Republished article in a print multi-volume reference book (see p.203, 204):**

Holloway, K. F. C. (2013). Holy heat: Rituals of the spirit in Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God". In L. J. Trudeau (Ed.), *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism* (vol. 285, pp. 201-208). Detroit, MI: Gale. (Reprinted from *Religion and Literature* 23(3), 127-141 Original work published 1991).

**Entry with no byline in a print reference book, one volume of a multi-volume series/set (see p.203):**

Collins, Suzanne 1963(?)-. (2011). In I. Kumar (Ed.) *Something about the author* (Vol. 224, pp.26-30).  
Detroit, MI: Gale.

**Print book with less than eight authors (see p. 184, 202).**

Halley, J. O., Eshleman, A. & Vijaya, R. M. (2011). *Seeing white: An introduction to white privilege and race*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.



**Edited print book (see p. 184, 202).**

Vlasich, J. A. (Ed.) (2006). *Horsehide, pigskin, oval tracks and apple pie: Essays on sports and American culture*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

**Chapter in an edited print book (see p. 184, 202).**

Korol, K. T. (2006). Marketing multiple mythologies of masculinity: Television advertising and the National Hockey League. In J. A. Vlasich (Ed.), *Horsehide, pigskin, oval tracks and apple pie: Essays on sports and American culture* (pp. 180-199). Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

### **Examples from non-MCCC Library sources**

**Article, document, or specific webpage from a website (see p.200-205).**

G. Allen. (2012, November 26). Will Florida pythons slither to the rest of the U.S.? *NPR*. Retrieved from <http://npr.org>

**Corporate author, web-only government report (see p. 205).**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (2016, March 17) *Basic information about lead in drinking water*. Retrieved from <http://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>



## Tips

- Each entry in the reference list should have a hanging indent (see p.37) and be double-spaced (see p.229).
- Include the digital object identifier DOI (see p.188) if one is available. It uniquely identifies many journal articles and other documents. If you provide a DOI, neither a URL, website name, nor retrieval date is needed as part of a reference (see p.191).
- If a database or document does not provide a DOI, you may use the Crossref Metadata Search at <http://search.crossref.org> to find one, if available.
- If a DOI is not available, include the URL for the home page of the database or website rather than the complete URL for the document (see p.191) but “add as much electronic retrieval information as needed for others to locate the sources you cited” (see p.187). Include a full URL if the source is difficult to find (p. 192) or if required by your instructor. Test any and all URL’s to be sure the links work.
- Make certain your word processing software does not insert a hyphen into a long URL that spans many lines. Do not include a period after a web address or DOI (see p.192).
- Use a retrieval date if a DOI is not available and the content may be likely to change over time (see p.192).
- The name of the library database containing the article is usually not necessary (see p. 192). Include the library database name if required by your instructor.
- If there are no authors provided, begin the reference list entry with the title (see p. 184).
- Italicize only the volume number, not the issue number. Use of the issue number is required only if the page numbering starts over at page one in each issue (see p. 186).
- Precede the page numbers of a newspaper article only, but not journal articles, with “p.” or “pp.” (see p.200).
- The citation shortcuts provided by various databases are useful timesavers but should be checked carefully. Some common errors are over-capitalization in article titles, misuse of italics, and use of abbreviations instead of full names of months in dates.
- Does copy and paste from a database citation shortcut provide incorrect font styles, font sizes indents, or spacing in your *Word* document?
  - Try a different internet browser, such as Firefox instead of Microsoft Edge.
  - Try Word’s *Paste Special* menu option and choose *Unformatted Text*. This will use the existing formatting of that section of your paper, but you will need to re-do italics, etc.

