

APA Style: The Reference List

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of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed., available in the library (call number: BF 76.7 P83 2010).

The following examples are intended as a guide only. For further clarification, please consult the manual. Note: Numbers in brackets refer to page numbers, section numbers, and examples in the manual. For help on how to format citations within the text of your paper, consult the library's handout, "Citing References in Text: APA Style."

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- ² Include the URL of the journal's homepage (not a library's or database's homepage). If necessary, break the URL before punctuation marks; do not add a period at the end of the URL [pp. 191-192].
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