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American Sociologists Association (ASA)—Style Basics

ASA is modified Chicago Style except that:

- It does not use superscript numbers, footnotes, or endnotes
- Date of publication comes right after the author in ASA bibliographical references
- ASA references do not include parentheses or page numbers of citations.

In-text citations

ASA cites a source in the text at the end of a direct quote or paraphrase using parenthetical references.

- General format: (author's last name, year of publication)—(Seuss, 1990).
- If the author's name appears in the text, just use (year of publication)—(1990).
- After a direct quote, add the page number of the quote: (author, date:page#)—
"Your mountain is waiting. So...*get on your way!*" (Seuss, 1990:44).

References

List bibliographical references at the end of the text, in a section called "References." List entries alphabetically by the first element in the reference (usually the author's last name—if there is no listed author, alphabetize by title). Double space the list.

• General book format:

Author's last name, first name. Date. *Title*. Place: Publisher.

Kenobi, Obi Wan. 2006. *You've Got the Droids I'm Looking for*. Tatooine: Oxford University Press.

- Use the publisher's full name
- If there is no publication date, write "N.D."
- If the work is unpublished, write "unpublished manuscript."
- If the work is not yet published, write "forthcoming."
- For more than one source by the same author, use six hyphens and a period (-----.) in place of the author's name after the first citation.

• General journal format:

Author's last name, first name. Date. "Article Title". *Journal Title*. Volume: Page numbers.

Atreides, Paul. 1984. "Spice Trade in a Post Aquatic Era". *Home Hydroponics* 81:212-222.

- Include month or issue number only when many issues in the same year have the same page numbers; often, the second issue will begin where the first ends.

• Book Articles:

page numbers after "Article Title"; otherwise, as above.

Lockhart, Gilderoy. 2002. "Whomping the Wimbledon Windego" Pp. 75-523 in *Bantering with Bigfeet*. London: Flourish & Blotts.

References List Examples (Continued)

Articles retrieved in Electronic Format

- **From Commercial Databases**

Graham, Lorie M. 1998. "The Past Never Vanishes: A Contextual Critique of the Existing Indian Family Doctrine". *American Indian Law Review*, 23:1. Retrieved May 25, 1999 Available: Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe, Law Reviews.

- **Web Version of Newspapers**

Clary, Mike. 2000. "Vieques Protesters Removed Without Incident." *Los Angeles Times*. May 5. Retrieved May 5, 2000 (http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/updates/lat_vieques000505.htm).

- **Web-Based Journals**

Smith, Herman W. and Takako Nomi. 2000. "Is Amae the Key to Understanding Japanese Culture?" *Electronic Journal of Sociology* 5:1. Retrieved May 5, 2000 (<http://www.sociology.org/content/vol005.001/smith-nomi.html>).

- **Information Posted on a Website**

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