

## SAMPLE ANNOTATED REFERENCE LIST APA

### References

American Psychological Association. (2012). *APA style*. Retrieved from <http://www.apastyle.org>

The official *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* is not online but this site, produced by the American Psychological Association is helpful in several respects. It contains some tutorials, quick answer factsheets and a searchable blog. The blog is run by APA experts and answers questions from users with humor and specific examples. The answers always cite back to the Publication manual. The blog and FAQs on the site seem very timely and provides detailed information and examples of citing electronic information in various formats such as twitter, YouTube and more.

Hacker, D. (2003). *Research and documentation online*. Retrieved from

[http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc /social\\_sciences/intext.html](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc /social_sciences/intext.html)

This attractive site provides assistance with several styles by discipline. One first chooses Social Science and then can find the details of APA style. The use of drop-down menus to find the examples to mirror helps to make the site easy to navigate. A sample paper and succinct information on APA manuscript format and in-text citations are included. This online guide has a print equivalent, *Research and documentation in the electronic age*.

Harvey, G. (2008). *Writing with sources: A guide for students* (2nd ed.). Indianapolis, IN Hackett Pub. Co.

This slim volume packs a great deal of valuable information and advice for acknowledging sources. With chapters on principles of how to integrate sources into a paper, when to cite and ways to avoid misuse of sources, the book is concise and peppered with examples. This book particularly articulates well how to avoid plagiarism. The author is Senior Preceptor of Expository Writing, at Harvard.

Purdue University Online Writing Lab. (2012). *Avoiding plagiarism*. Retrieved from

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_plagiar.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html)

Purdue's Online Writing Lab (OWL) site was one of the first online writing guides and is one of the most highly recommended sites, receiving over 184 million visits. It consists of many pages with the sections on APA formatting and Avoiding Plagiarism being very popular. The site itself looks a little dated but it has a good search engine, and many examples that students can use to mirror citations. The sections are easy to navigate with a good table of contents and the site is updated frequently.

Spatt, B. (2002). *Writing from sources*. Boston, MA: Bedford/ St. Martin's.

This is a textbook so it is more robust than other sources reviewed. The author is a former English teacher at the City University of New York. Each chapter of the book provides readings and exercises to help reinforce the concepts presented. It begins with skills such as how to read for understanding (underlining and annotating) and moves to skills such as evaluating sources and the basics of acknowledging sources. The exercises are really useful for testing knowledge and understanding of the concepts.

Westphal, D. (2000). *Plagiarism*. Retrieved from <http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/research/plagiarism.html>

St. Cloud University's Literacy Education Online (LEO) site provides handouts on various writing topics. Affiliated with the school's writing center, this one page handout on plagiarism, succinctly discusses unintentional plagiarism and provides tips such as planning ahead, taking accurate notes and gives enough no nonsense information on the topic to effectively eliminate poor excuses such as "I didn't Know" as an explanation for engaging in unintentional plagiarism.