Citing Sources Using ASA Format

The American Sociological Association Style Guide is used primarily by those in the field of Sociology. This handout gives examples of the format used for parenthetical references and the reference list at the end of your paper. Remember to sort your reference list alphabetically by author. For further assistance, refer to the guides listed below.

American Sociological Association Style Guide.
Grafton Library Ready Ref HM569.A54 2007

A Guide to Writing Sociology Papers
Grafton Library Ready Ref HM585.G78 2008

The Parenthetical Reference

Basic Format
Within the text of your paper, you acknowledge sources by including brief citations in your text (author’s name date) to an alphabetical list of references at the end of the paper.

Example
(Hayes and Rupp 1995)

The Reference List

Book

Basic Format
Author. Date. Full Title of Book Including Subtitle. Place of Publication: Publisher’s Name.

Example

Book Chapter

Basic Format
Author. Date. “Title of Entry.” Pages in Title of Book, edited by editor’s name. Place of Publication: Publisher’s Name.

Example
Journal Article

**Basic Format**


**Example**


Journal Article from a Full-Text Database

**Basic Format**

Author. Date. “Title of the Article.” *Journal Title* Volume(Issue):Pages. (Retrieved from Database Name on Month DD, YYYY.)

**Example**


Web Site with an Unknown Location

**Basic Format**

Author/Editor/Institution or Sponsoring Organization. Year. “Title of Website.” Retrieved Month DD, YYYY (URL of specific document).

**Example**


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