APA Textbook References

The Basic Format for a Book in Print
STEP 1: MATCH YOUR SOURCE TO A MODEL

DIRECTORY TO APA REFERENCE LIST MODELS (PAGE 473-74)
APA doesn’t always have a format for your specific situation. Sometimes you have to use a more general format, and sometimes you have to use a more specific format. It's important to use the reference list to determine what models are available before settling on one, since another form may be more appropriate. In rare cases, you may also need to combine forms.
STEP 2: FIND YOUR SOURCE INFORMATION

FOR BOOKS? USE THE TITLE PAGE
USE THE TITLE PAGE, NOT THE COVER

- The title page will contain more of the information you need than the cover:
  - Author(s)
  - Title
  - Edition
  - City where the book was published
  - Publisher

- The back side of the title page will contain even more information:
  - Year the book was published (most recent © date)
FIND THE INFORMATION

- Author(s): Helen Rich Baldwin
- Year the book was published: Trick Question! It's not on this page!
- Title: Nutrition and Health: With Twenty Suggested Lessons for Nutrition Classes
- Edition: Trick Question! It's the first edition!
- City where the book was published: New York, NY
- Publisher: Borden Company
STEP 3: FORMAT YOUR CITATION

USE YOUR MODEL TO PUT THE INFORMATION YOU GATHERED INTO APA FORMAT
Most of the time, you won’t find text next to the model that tells you when to put a period or when to italicize something. Instead, you just look at the model and do things exactly the same way the model does, paying attention to capitalization, punctuation, and italics.


Title: Sociology: A New Perspective
Authors: Anne Reed Kelly, James Adams
Edition: Third
Year the book was published: 2015
City where the book was published: Boston, MA
Publisher: Pearson

YOUR TURN
TAKE OUT YOUR TEXTBOOK
USE THE APPROPRIATE MODEL TO FORMAT A CITATION FOR YOUR PSYCHOLOGY TEXTBOOK

Two Authors, Edition Other Than the First

Lastname, F.A., & Lastname, F. B. (year) *Capitalize only the first word of the title: The subtitle (if there is one) goes after a colon (#th ed.).* City, ST: Publisher.

Three Authors, Edition Other Than the First

Lastname, F.A., Lastname, F. B., & Lastname, F. C. (year) *Capitalize only the first word of the title: The subtitle (if there is one) goes after a colon (#th ed.).* City, ST: Publisher.

Three Authors, First Edition

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References