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APA Style: Official website for APA offers tutorials and a helpful style blog for tough questions http://www.apastyle.org

Ask a Librarian for assistance!

APA is the most commonly used style to publish research findings in the social sciences (history, anthropology, psychology, etc.) It has guidelines for citing references within papers, creating a reference list, and preparing the layout of a paper.

Acceptable abbreviations
ed. edition
Rev. ed. Revised edition
2nd ed. second edition
Ed. (Eds.) Editor (Editors)
Trans. Translator(s)
n.d. no date
p. (pp.) page (pages)
Vol. Volume (as in Vol. 4)
Vols. Volumes (as in Vols. 1-4)
No. Number
Pt. Part
Suppl. Supplement

Hanging Indent (Word Documents)
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Single episode from a television series

Books
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Kessler (2003) found that among epidemiological samples