**APA Style vs. MLA Style for scholarly journal articles**

**Similarities:**

Alphabetized by the last name of the first author listed on the source.

Hanging identation.

General order of info, except for the date, which comes right after the authors in APA and after the volume and issue in MLA.

Types of info needed (author, title of article, title of journal, volume, issue, page range, doi if available.)

Periodical titles are italicized and in Title Case.

**Differences: See examples below (from Purdue Owl)**

Authors: (APA) Last name, First initial for each author in same order with & before final author.

(MLA) Last name, First name for first author, First name Last Name for other authors with

and before the final author.

Titles: (APA) Sentence case, no quotation marks.

(MLA) Title case in quotation marks.

Periodical volumes and issues: (APA) italicize volume number, put issue number in parentheses.

(MLA) Put vol. before volume number, no. before issue number

Last item: (APA) http doiurl. Or Retrieved from url beginning with http

(MLA)*database* , doi or url without http, starting with www (Accessed date is optional)

**APA**

**Journal article with doi**

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. Title of Periodical, volume

number(issue number), pages. <http://dx.doi.org/xx.xxx/yyyy>

**Example**

Wooldridge, M.B., &Shapka, J. (2012). Playing with technology:

Mother-toddler interaction scores lower during play with

electronic toys. Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology,

33(5), 211-218. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.appdev.2012.05.005>

**Journal article without DOI**

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. Title of

Periodical, vol. number. Retrieved from http://www.journalhomepage.com/full/url/

**Example**

Kenneth, I. A. (2000). A Buddhist response to the nature of human rights. Journal

of Buddhist Ethics, 8. Retrieved from http://www.cac.psu.edu/jbe/twocont.html

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**MLA**

**Journal article with doi**

**Author Last name, author First name, and First name Last name. “Title of Article.”**

***Title of Periodical*, vol. #, no. #, year, pp. range, *Database*, doi.**

Examples:

Alonso, Alvaro, and Julio A. Camargo. "Toxicity of Nitrite to Three Species of Freshwater Invertebrates." Environmental Toxicology, vol. 21, no. 1, 3 Feb. 2006, pp. 90-94. Wiley Online Library, doi:10.1002/tox.20155.

Langhamer, Claire. “Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England.” Historical Journal, vol. 50, no. 1, 2007, pp. 173-96. ProQuest, doi:10.1017/S0018246X06005966. Accessed 27 May 2009.

**Example from online journal without doi MLA.**

Wheelis, Mark. "Investigating Disease Outbreaks Under a Protocol to

the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention." Emerging Infectious

Diseases, vol. 6, no. 6, 2000, pp. 595-600,

wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/6/6/00-0607\_article. Accessed 8 Feb.

2009.

**Gray lit.**

APA

The World Bank. (2010). China – meeting the challenges of offshore and large-scale

wind power: Strategicguidance. Retrieved from <http://go.worldbank.org/>

MLA

The World Bank. “China – Meeting the Challenges of Offshore and Large-Scale Wind

Power: StrategicGuidance, 2010. [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)