The following are general guidelines for formatting reference list entries for journal articles in APA Style. Find examples of journal article references in Section 10.1 of both the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.) and the *Concise Guide to APA Style* (7th ed.) as well as on the *Journal Article References* page of the APA Style website.

Chapter 9 of the *Publication Manual* and *Concise Guide* show these general guidelines for creating references and reference lists plus exceptions and cases not addressed in this checklist. Examples of references for other types of works are shown in Chapter 10 of the *Publication Manual* and *Concise Guide* and on the *Reference Examples* pages.

**Author(s)**
- List authors’ names in the same order as shown on the first page of the article.
- Write each author’s last name, followed by a comma, and then their initials—no full first or middle names.
- Use a period and a space after each initial.
- For works with two or more authors, put a comma after the initials of the first author and before the last name of the next author, and then do the same for subsequent authors.
- Use “&” before the final author’s last name.
- If there are 20 or more authors, list the first 20 authors’ names, insert an ellipsis ( . . ), and then write the last author’s name.
- Check that there is a period after the final author’s initials.

**Year**
- Place the year of publication in parentheses.
- Use the year only (other periodicals [e.g., blog, newspaper, magazine] may include a month, day, or season).
- Put a period after the closing parenthesis.

**Article Title**
- Write the title in sentence case: Capitalize only the first word of the title, the first word after punctuation that separates a main title from a subtitle (e.g., ending periods, question marks, colons, and some dashes), and proper nouns; lowercase all other words.
- Do not use italics or other formatting for the title.
- Put a period at the end of the title.

**Journal Name**
- Use the journal name shown on the work (e.g., at the top of the article or on the cover of the journal)—do not abbreviate it yourself.
- Write the journal name in title case: Capitalize most words; lowercase only words of three letters or fewer with the exception of the first word in the title, the first word after punctuation that separates a main title from a subtitle (e.g., ending periods, colons, and some dashes), and proper nouns.
- Italicize the journal name.
- Put a comma after the journal name—do not italicize the comma.