

# How to Format Citations on the References Page in APA Style (7<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Hello Students,

This page represents an abbreviated version of the typical citations you might use when formatting the reference page(s) of your paper. It gives examples of the most often used citations. It is not meant to comprehensively cover all potential citations. If you need to go beyond the examples here, please refer to the link on the website OWL / Purdue APA Citation Style on the front page of our class website. On the References page, always make sure to double space all lines, and indent the second and any following lines .5 (one-half inch).

## **BOOKS**

### BASIC FORMAT FOR BOOKS

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle.*  
Publisher Name. DOI (if available)

Example:

Stoneman, R. (2008). *Alexander the Great: A life in legend.* Yale University Press.

### ARTICLE OR CHAPTER IN AN EDITED BOOK

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year of publication). Title of chapter. In E. E. Editor & F. F. Editor (Eds.), *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle* (pp. pages of chapter). Publisher. DOI (if available)

Example:

Armstrong, D. (2019). Malory and character. In M. G. Leitch & C. J. Rushton (Eds.), *A new companion to Malory* (pp. 144-163). D. S. Brewer.

## PERIODICALS

### BASIC FORMAT FOR PERIODICALS

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume number (issue number), pages.

<https://doi.org/xx.xxx/yyyy>

### ARTICLE IN PRINT JOURNAL

Example:

Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion*, 15(3), 5–13.

<http://www.thenewcriterion.com/the-eclipse-of-listening/?78/234543>

Note: APA 7 advises writers to include a DOI (if available), even when using the print source. The example above assumes no DOI is available.

### ARTICLE IN ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

As noted above, when citing an article in an electronic journal, include a DOI if one is associated with the article.

Examples:

Baniya, S., & Weech, S. (2019). Data and experience design: Negotiating community-oriented digital research with service-learning. *Purdue Journal of Service-Learning and International Engagement*, 6(1), 11–16.

<https://doi.org/10.5703/1288284316979>

Denny, H., Nordlof, J., & Salem, L. (2018). Tell me exactly what it was that I was doing that was so bad: Understanding the needs and expectations of working-class students in writing centers. *Writing Center Journal*, 37(1), 67–98. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26537363>

## OTHER PRINT RESOURCES

### ENTRY IN A DICTIONARY, THESAURUS, OR ENCYCLOPEDIA WITH A GROUP AUTHOR

Institution or organization name. (Year). Title of entry. In *Title of reference work* (edition, page numbers). Publisher name. [URL Address](#)

Example:

Merriam-Webster, Incorporated. (1997). Goat. In *Merriam Webster's collegiate dictionary* (10th ed., pp. 499-500). Merriam-Webster, Incorporated.  
[URL Address](#)

### ENTRY IN A DICTIONARY, THESAURUS, OR ENCYCLOPEDIA WITH AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHOR

Lastname, F. M. (Year). Title of entry. In F. M. Lastname (ed.), *Title of reference work* (edition, page numbers). Publisher. [URL Address](#)

Example:

Tatum, S. R. (2009). Spirituality and religion in hip hop literature and culture. In T. L. Stanley (ed.), *Encyclopedia of hip hop literature* (pp. 250-252). Greenwood. [URL Address](#)

### REPORT BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR OTHER ORGANIZATION

Organization Name. (Year). *Title of report*. [URL Address](#)

Example:

United States Government Accountability Office. (2019). *Performance and accountability report: Fiscal year 2019*.  
<https://www.gao.gov/assets/710/702715.pdf>

## ONLINE NEWS ARTICLES

Note: The format for this type of source depends on whether your source comes from a site with an associated newspaper.

If the source does come from a site with an associated newspaper, leave the title of the article unformatted, but italicize the title of the newspaper.

Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. *Title of Publication*. [URL Address](#)

Example:

Richards, C. (2019, December 9). Best music of 2019: Lana Del Rey sings lullabies about the end of America. *Washington Post*.  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/music/best-music-of-2019-lana-del-rey-sings-lullabies-about-the-end-of-america/2019/12/06/6e82c5ec-15d8-11ea-a659-7d69641c6ff7\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/music/best-music-of-2019-lana-del-rey-sings-lullabies-about-the-end-of-america/2019/12/06/6e82c5ec-15d8-11ea-a659-7d69641c6ff7_story.html)

On the other hand, if the source doesn't come from a site with an associated newspaper, italicize the title of the article, but leave the name of the site unformatted.

Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). *Title of article*. Name of publishing website.  
[URL Address](#)

Example:

Jones, J. (2020, May 10). *Why flats dominate Spain's housing market*. BBC.  
<https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20200506-why-do-flats-dominate-spains-housing-market>

## WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE

APA 7 treats Wikipedia articles as special instances of entries in reference works. Thus, there are a few differences between reference entries for pages on Wikipedia and those for generic webpages.

Title of article. (Year, Month Date). In *Wikipedia*. [URL of archived version of page](#)

Example:

Quantum mechanics. (2019, November 19). In *Wikipedia*.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Quantum\\_mechanics&oldid=948476810](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Quantum_mechanics&oldid=948476810)

## WEBPAGE OR PIECE OF ONLINE CONTENT

If the page names an individual author, cite their name first:

Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). *Title of page*. Site name. [URL Address](#)

Example:

Price, D. (2018, March 23). *Laziness does not exist*. Medium.

<https://humanparts.medium.com/laziness-does-not-exist-3af27e312d01>

If the resource was written by a group or organization, use the name of the group/organization as the author. Additionally, if the author and site name are the same, omit the site name from the citation.

Group name. (Year, Month Date). *Title of page*. Site name. [URL Address](#)

Example:

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. (2019, November 21).

*Justice served: Case closed for over 40 dogfighting victims.*

<https://www.asPCA.org/news/justice-served-case-closed-over-40-dogfighting-victims>

If the page's author is not listed, start with the title instead. Additionally, include a retrieval date when the page's content is likely to change over time (like, for instance, if you're citing a wiki that is publicly edited).

*Title of page*. (Year, Month Date). Site name. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from [URL Address](#)

Example:

*Tuscan white bean pasta*. (2018, February 25). Budgetbytes. Retrieved March 18, 2020, from <https://www.budgetbytes.com/tuscan-white-bean-pasta/>

If the date of publication is not listed, use the abbreviation (n.d.).

Author or Group name. (n.d.). *Title of page*. Site name (if applicable). URL

Example:

National Alliance on Mental Illness. (n.d.). *Mental health conditions*.

<https://www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-Conditions>

## ENTRY IN AN ONLINE DICTIONARY, THESAURUS, OR ENCYCLOPEDIA WITH A GROUP AUTHOR

Note: An online dictionary, thesaurus, or encyclopedia may be continuously updated and therefore not include a publication date (like in the example below). If that's the case, use "n.d." for the date and include the retrieval date in the citation.

Institution or organization name. (Year). Title of entry. In *Title of reference work*.

[URL Address](#)

Example:

Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Braggadocio. In *Merriam-Webster.com dictionary*.

Retrieved January 13, 2020, from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/braggadocio>

## ENTRY IN AN ONLINE DICTIONARY, THESAURUS, OR ENCYCLOPEDIA WITH AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHOR

Lastname, F. M. (Year). Title of entry. In F. M. Lastname (ed.), *Title of reference work* (edition). Publisher. [URL Address or DOI](#)

Example:

Martin, M. (2018). Animals. In L. A. Schintler & C. L. McNeely (Eds),

*Encyclopedia of big data*. SpringerLink. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-32001-4\\_7-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-32001-4_7-1)

## AUDIO VISUAL MEDIA

### FILM OR VIDEO

Director, D. D. (Director). (Date of publication). *Title of motion picture* [Film].  
Production company.

Example:

Loyd, P. (Director). (2008). *Mamma mia!* [Film]. Universal Pictures.

### YOUTUBE VIDEO

Person or group who uploaded video. (Date of publication). *Title of video* [Video].  
Website host. [URL Address](#)

Example:

Tasty. (2018, March 7). *7 recipes you can make in 5 minutes* [Video]. Youtube.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_5wHw6l11o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_5wHw6l11o)

### PODCAST

Executive Producer, E. P. (Executive Producer). (Range of publication). *Title of podcast* [Audio podcast]. Production company. [URL Address](#)

Example:

Bae, P. (Executive Producer). (2017-present). *The big loop* [Audio podcast]. QRX.  
<https://www.thebiglooppodcast.com/>



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## **REPORT BY INDIVIDUAL AUTHORS AT GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR OTHER ORGANIZATION**

Lastname, F. M., & Lastname, F. M. (Year). *Title of report*. Organization Name. URL

Example:

Palanker, D., Volk, J., Lucia, K., & Thomas, K. (2018). *Mental health parity at risk: Deregulating the individual market and the impact on mental health coverage*. National Alliance on Mental Illness. <https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/Publications-Reports/Public-Policy-Reports/Parity-at-Risk/ParityatRisk.pdf>