APA 7th Edition Citation Guide

This guide broadly covers how to cite some of the most commonly used sources in the APA style, how to format a reference list and in-text citations, and some general tips for formatting a completed paper. More specific information on citing these and other sources can be found in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association: The Official Guide to APA Style, which is located in the Ready Reference collection on the 1st floor of the Library, at call number BF76.7 .P83 2020. Page numbers in this text are provided below for your convenience.

APA Reference List

The most important parts of any citation are author(s), book or journal title, article or chapter title, publication date, volume and issue number, page numbers, place of publication, publisher, URL and/or Digital Object Identifier (DOI). Only cite the components that you can definitely locate. When in doubt, ask a librarian!

- Up to 20 authors are included per citation in a reference list.
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Citing Books (Print & Electronic)

Print Book

Author, A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capital for subtitle. Publisher.


Electronic Book

It is not necessary to note that you have used an eBook when the content is the same as a physical book. However, you should distinguish between the eBook and the print version if the content is different or abridged.

Author, A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capital for subtitle. Publisher. URL.


Print Book with Editor(s)


Print Book in a Multivolume Set

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capitalize the first letter of the subtitle (Vol. #). Publisher.


Citing Periodicals (Print & Electronic)

Article in Print Journal


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Article in a Print Magazine


Article in an Electronic Magazine

**Article in a Print Newspaper**


**Article in an Online Newspaper**


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**Citing Electronic Sources**

**Websites or Other Online Content**

The website name is included (unless it’s the same as the author), and web page titles are italicized. If the page names an individual author, cite their name first:

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

Example: Cooney, Chloe. (2020, April 5). *The parents are not all right*. Medium. https://gen.medium.com/parents-are-not-ok-66ab2a3e42d9

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

Group name. (Year, Month Date). *Title of page*. Site name. URL


**Wikipedia Articles**

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

Wikipedia articles are often updated frequently. For this reason, the date in a citation of a Wikipedia article refers to the date that the cited version of the page was published. Access the appropriate version by clicking "View History," then clicking the date/timestamp of the version you’d like to cite.

Tweets & Twitter Profiles

Tweet

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group [@username]. (Year, Month Date). Content of the post up to the first 20 words [Tweet]. Site Name. URL


Twitter Profile

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group [@username]. (n.d.). Tweets [Twitter profile]. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from URL


Facebook Posts & Pages

Facebook Post

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group. (Year, Month Date). Content of the post up to the first 20 words [Type of post]. Site Name. URL


Facebook Page

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group. (n.d.). Home [Facebook page]. Site name. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from URL

Citing Audiovisual Sources

Film or Video

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


Podcasts

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


YouTube Videos

Uploader. (Year, Month Day). Title of the video. [Video]. YouTube. URL


Instagram Photo or Video

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group [@username]. (Year, Month Date). Content of the post up to the first 20 words [Type of post]. Site Name. URL

APA In-Text Citations

For works with one author, include the author’s last name, the year of publication, and the page numbers referenced.

Example: (Swanson, 2009, pp. 10-11)

For works with two authors, include the last names of both authors as seen on the citation in the reference list.

Example: (Ryan & Gupta, 2010, pg. 36)

For works with three or more authors, include only the first author’s name and “et al.”

Example: (Taylor et al., 2018, pg. 102)

APA Paper Formatting Tips

- The words “RUNNING HEAD” are omitted in student papers.
- Acceptable fonts and font sizes include Calibri 11, Arial 11, Lucida Sans Unicode 10, Times New Roman 12, and Georgia 11.
- Use only one space after a period.