Samples of American Psychological Association Basic Format for References List 7th Edition

GENERAL FORMAT

Author, A. A. (Date). *Title.* Source.

- No author? Substitute title for author
- No date? Use n.d. (indicates no date)
- No date, but year can be reasonably approximated? Use ca and your estimated year, and use square brackets: [ca 2008]
- No title? Describe the document inside square brackets
- APA official guidance:
  [How to Write an APA Style Reference When Information Is Missing](#)

Key to abbreviations used in APA source citations

- **Author**
  - References are formatted with the author's last name, followed by first and middle initial
  - For instance, Katherine L. Lavelle would be formatted as Lavelle, K. L.
- **Title of the work** (examples)
  - Book: *Beyond princess culture*
  - Article: Race, ethnicity, and content analysis of the sports media: A critical reflection
  - Chapter title: The invisible bag of holding: Whiteness and media fandom
- Ed. – **Edition of the book**
  - Many books will not have multiple editions (should be listed on the cover page or publication information page
- **Publisher** – Company that published the book (such as SAGE)
- **Volume** – identified for journals
  - For example, a journal that began publishing in 2019, all journal issues published in 2019 would be volume 1
- **Issue number** – the specific edition of a journal
  - If an issue was the first issue in volume 3, it would look like this:
    - 3, 1
  - Sometimes the issue number is a number after the journal (not labeled as an issue number)
  - Sometimes issues might be combined (such as 4/5 for issues 4 and 5 together)
    - Include both numbers in citation
- **doi** is the Digital Object Identifier
  - It is a number that is associated with a specific publication that can be tracked digitally
  - The doi system was developed in the early 2000s as journals started to be put online
  - Old journal articles sometimes have been assigned a doi after they were put online

Book

- Capitalize just the first word of the title and any subtitle.
- Mention edition (if not first ed.) and/or volume number (if a multi-volume work) in parentheses after the title.

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Subtitle of work* (xx ed., Vol. xx). Publisher.

Example:

Rooney, S. (2017). *Conversations with friends.* Hogarth.

Book Chapter

- Capitalize just the first word of the title and any subtitle.
- Mention edition (if not first ed.) and/or volume number (if a multi-volume work) along with page range in parentheses after the title.

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year of publication). Title of

chapter. In D. D. Editor & E. E. Editor (Eds.), *Title of work: Subtitle*

of work (xx ed., Vol. xx, pp. xxx-xxx). Publisher.

Example

Lavelle, K. L. (2019). Change starts with us: Intersectionality and citizenship in the 2016 WNBA. In

D. A. Grano & M. L. Butterworth, (Eds.), *Sport, rhetoric, and political struggle,* (pp. 38-53). Peter

Lang.

Article in a Periodical

Include the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) if provided.

- For journals, include just the year of publication within the parentheses: (1984)
- For magazines and newspapers, include the year, month and date within the parentheses: (1984, July 5)

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. *Title of Periodical,*

volume number (issue number if available), page#-page#. doi:xx.xxxx/xxxxxxxxxx

Example

Glock, A. (2019, June). Who is the ass kicker of the U.S. Women's National Team? *ESPN the*

Magazine, 38-45.

Article in a Periodical, Retrieved from a Library Database

- Include the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) if provided.
- It is not necessary to list the name of the database, the retrieval date, or a database item or accession number.
- For journals, include just the year of publication within the parentheses: (1984
- For magazines and newspapers, include the year, month and date within the parentheses: (1984, July 5)

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume number*

(issue number if available), page#-page#. doi:xx.xxxx/xxxxxxxxx

Example

Manohar, U. & Kline, S. (2014). Sexual assault portrayals in Hindi cinema. *Sex Roles, 71 (5),* 233-245.

doi: 10.1007/s11199-014-0404-6

Article in an Online Periodical (not from a library database)

- Provide a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) when it is available, otherwise provide the URL.
- For journals, include just the year of publication within the parentheses: (1984)
- For magazines and newspapers, include the year, month and date within the parentheses: (1984, July 5)

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume number*

(issue number if available). doi:xx.xxxx/xxxxxxxxx

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume number*

(issue number if available). http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/

Example

Marikar, S. (2019, September 13). Casper dreams of being bigger than mattresses. *The New York*

Times. https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/13/business/casper-

sleep.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage

Web Document, Page, or Report

- Identify the publisher or organization name as part of the retrieval statement, unless the publisher or organization is the group author.
- If available, include the report number in parentheses following the title of the work.

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). *Title of document* (Report number).Publisher

    name website: http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/

Group Author Name. (Date of publication) *Title of document* (Report number).

    http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/

Example

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2019, September 12). *Outbreak of lung disease associated with*

    e-cigarette use, or vaping. https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-

    lung-disease.html

Personal Communication

- These are non-recoverable forms of communication, including: private letters, memos, non-archived electronic communications such as private emails, personal interviews, telephone conversations
- These sources are not included in the reference list! **Personal communications are cited in text only.**

Joe Gow told me (personal communication, April 2, 2010) that he would make it happen.

Example

The Chancellor proceeded to recount the origins of the name, Fur Low Riders (J. Gow,

    personal communication, April 3, 2009).

YouTube Video

- Provide the screen name if the actual name of the author is not given.
- The title of the video is not italicized.

CheshHashim. (2009, November 10). *Sanctus: UWL Concert Choir* [Video]. YouTube.

    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qELsgqRtQkc

Images

- Use [Photograph], [Painting], etc. after the title to indicate the type of image.
- [More examples (Landmark College)](#)
- [More examples (Univ. of Maryland)](#)

Example

Hicker, R. (n.d.). Soaring Eagle [Photograph]. Hicker

Photo. http://www.hickerphoto.com/data/media/161/soaring-eagle_6822.jpg