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.


Example:


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.


Example


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)


Example

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)


Example


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)


Example


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.


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

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

Example

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.


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


Public Speaking Center UWL - Adapted from the UWL Murphy Library Website – updated 2020 https://libguides.uwlax.edu/c.php?g=273976&p=1829419