

## Samples of American Psychological Association Basic Format for References List

### 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](#)

### 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.
- For publication location in a U.S. city, give the city name and two-letter USPS abbreviation for the state, i.e.: Madison, WI

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

Example:

Rooney, S. (2017). *Conversations with friends*. London, UK: 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.
- For publication location in a U.S. city, give the city name and two-letter USPS abbreviation for the state, i.e.: Madison, WI

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). City, ST: Publisher.

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). New York, NY.

### Article in a Periodical, Print or Microform

- 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

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

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/xxxxxxxxxx

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Date).  
Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume number*(issue number if available).  
Retrieved from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Marikar, S. (2019, September 13). Casper dreams of being bigger than mattresses. Retrieved from <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). Retrieved from Publisher name  
website: <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Group Author Name. (Date of publication).

*Title of document* (Report number). Retrieved from  
<http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2019, September 12). Outbreak of lung disease associated with e-cigarette use, or vaping. Retrieved from [https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html](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.

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 file]. Retrieved from <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 \(Univ. of Maryland\)](#)

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

[http://www.hickerphoto.com/data/media/161/soaring-eagle\\_6822.jpg](http://www.hickerphoto.com/data/media/161/soaring-eagle_6822.jpg)

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<https://libguides.uwlax.edu/c.php?g=273976&p=1829419>