APA Style 6th Edition

This guide will show you how to create citations for your reference list and in-text citations.

1. PERIODICALS – Journal, Magazine, or Newspaper articles

General Form: Author, T. B., & Author, M. L. (year, Month day). Title of the article. Title of the Periodical, xx(x), xxx-xxx. http://dx.doi.org/xx.xxxxxxxxx

- Only capitalize the first word of the article title, any proper nouns, and the first word in a subtitle
- Capitalize the first word and any other important words in the title of the periodical; it must be written in italics
- Volume number (in italics)
- Issue number (no italics)
- Page numbers

• Do not include a doi number if you used a print (not online) periodical
• If using an online periodical, include the doi number if the article has one
• If using an online periodical without a doi number, type “Retrieved from” then put the URL (web address) of the homepage of the journal’s website instead; you will have to do a web search for it
• If using an online periodical without a doi number that comes from a journal with no website, type “Retrieved from” then put the name of the database where you found the article followed by the word “database”

Examples:

Scholarly journal article in print

In-text: (Swor, Whittenburg & Chaffin, 2009)

Scholarly journal article from a database WITH DOI

In-text: (McMurran & Christopher, 2009)

Scholarly journal article from a database WITHOUT DOI

In-text: (Sweeney, 2008)

Magazine article in print
Road map to a great deal. (2009, October). Consumer Reports, 74(10), 44-47.

In-text: (“Road map,” 2009)

Magazine article in a database using a URL

In-text: (Taibbi, 2009)

Magazine article in a database using the database name

In-text: (Farber, 2009)
2. **BOOKS**

**GENERAL FORM:** Author, T. B. (year). *Title of the book*. Location: Publisher.

**EXAMPLES:**

**Book**

*In-text:* (Anderegg, 2007)

**eBook**

*In-text:* (Cheney, 2005)

**Book with multiple authors**

*In-text:* (Adovasio, Soffer, & Page, 2007)

**Edited book**

*In-text:* (Mehus-Roe, 2005)

**Book/Encyclopedia Chapter or Article**

*In-text:* (Mack, 2006)

3. **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

**GENERAL FORM:** Author, A. (date). *Title of document or webpage [Format description]*. Retrieved from http://URL

**EXAMPLES:**

Only capitalize the first word of the title, any proper nouns, and the first word in a subtitle.

Put the type of resource when citing a podcast, slideshow, blog post, or video blog post.

If there is no author given, the organization that created the web page is considered the author.
EXAMPLES:

**Web Page with author**

*In-text: (Moynihan, 2005)*

**Web Page with organization as author**

*In-text: (National Museum of American History, 2006)*

**Web Page with no author or publication date**

*In-text: (History of hip hop music, n.d.)*

**Audio Podcast**

*In-text: (Nature, 2009)*

**Video Podcast**

*In-text: (CNN News, 2009)*

**Blog Post**

*In-text: (Eickhoff, 2009)*

**Video Blog Post [YouTube video]**

*In-text: (Rebukata, 2013)*

**Online Image**

*In-text: (Baumel, 2010)*

**Online Image with no author, no title, no date**

*In-text: ([Untitled photo of a sheepdog], n.d.)*

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n.d. stands for “no date”

If no author, put the title of the web page first

If there is no publication date, you should say when you retrieved the information

If no author given, it is OK to use the username

If there is no title, use a description of the image

If there is no publication date, you should say when you retrieved the information
4. MEDIA

Video/Movie

**GENERAL FORM:**

**EXAMPLE:**

*In-text:* (Donner & Lee, 2009)

Music Recording

**GENERAL FORM:**
Artist, T.B. (Year). Title of song. *On Title of album* [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.]. Location of record label: Record label.

**EXAMPLE:**

*In-text:* (Vaughan, 1963)

5. PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

**Interviews & Emails**
These are forms of "personal communication" and **do not go on the references page.** They are only included as in-text citations.

**EXAMPLE:**

*In-text:* (A. Yokel, personal communication, August 26, 2013).

MORE APA HELP

Still have questions? There are plenty of resources out there! Here are a few of those available that offer more complete guides to APA:

**LibraryConnect – APA Citation Guide**
http://library.globeuniversity.edu/apa

**Purdue OWL – APA Style**
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

**University at Albany - Citation Fox**
http://library.albany.edu/cfox

**Pocket Guide to APA Style** by Robert Perrin

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