

## How to Write APA Style References

The following are examples for APA style references. The first section below focuses on offline sources, followed by entries from online sources. For more information, go to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* 6<sup>th</sup> edition and visit <http://blog.apastyle.org>

### OFFLINE SOURCES

#### **Book & Journal Articles**

**Note:** The issue numbers of journal articles should be included *only* in a reference where pagination is not continuous throughout the entire journal volume. In other words, if pagination restarts with each issue in a volume, then provide the issue number.

#### **No Author**

*Book title: Subtitle.* (year). Place of Publication: Publisher.

#### **One Author**

Raiffa, H. (1982). *The art and science of negotiation.* Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press.

#### **Two Authors**

Groarke, L., & Tindale, C. (1987). Logic and rhetoric: Groundwork for a synthesis. In F. H. van Eemeren, R. Grootendorst, J. A. Blair, & C. A. Willard (Eds.), *Argumentation: Perspectives and approaches* (pp. 274–282). Providence, RI: Foris.

#### **Three to Seven Authors**

Creighton, S., Alderson, J., Brown, S., & Minto, C. L. (2002). Medical photography: Ethics, consent, and the intersex patient. *BJU International*, *89*(1), 67–71.  
doi:10.1046/j.1464-410X.2002.02558.x

#### **More Than Seven Authors**

Author, A. A., Author B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D., Author E. E, Author, F. F., . . . Author, G. G. (year). Title of article: Subtitle. *Title of Periodical*, *vol*(pp–pp). doi:xxx

Author, A. A., Author B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D., Author E. E, Author, F. F., . . . Author, G. G. (year). *Title of book.* Place of Publication: Publisher.

### **Book Chapter in Edited Volume**

Author, A. (year). Title of work. In E. Editor & E. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp–pp). Place of Publication: Publisher.

**Note:** In-text citation is written as (Author, year).

### **Reprints**

Burke, K. (1968). *Counter-statement* (3rd ed.). Berkeley: University of California Press. (Original work published 1931)

### **In Press**

Snoeck Henkemans, A. F. (in press). Speech act theory and the study of argumentation. In F. H. van Eemeren, K. Budzynska, & M. Koszowy (Eds.), *Pragmatics and dialectics of argument* [Special issue of *Studies in Logic, Grammar, and Rhetoric*].

**Note:** This work is accepted for and in the process for publication in a journal. The only missing reference information are volume number, page number(s), and DOI.

### **Forthcoming**

Hansen, H. (forthcoming). An inquiry into the methods of informal logic. Manuscript.

**Note:** This work is in the process of submission to journals for publication. No reference information is available aside from the author and title of the work.

### **Newspaper / Magazine Article**

The House prefers chaos to order. (2013, May 5). *New York Times*, p. SR10.

### **Editorial**

Third-party voters are wasted; Alternative candidates can't solve [Editorial]. (2012, November 1). *The Washington Times*, p. 2.

### **Dissertations/ Theses When Retrieved from Databases**

Inoue, N. (1994). *Ways of debating in Japan* [Doctoral dissertation, University of Hawaii]. Available from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database. (UMI No. 9519451)

### **Conference / Symposia Papers**

Zarefsky, D. (2012, June). *On deep disagreement*. Unpublished paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Wake Forest University/ISSA Argumentation Conference, Venice, Italy.

Kline, S. L., Rooney, M., & Jones, E. (2012, May). *A multiple goals perspective on edifying and esteem support*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

### Classical Works

Classical works such as the Bible, the Qur'an, and ancient Greek and Roman works *do not* require a reference entry, although they do require special attention to in-text citations (see tab on citations for guidance on how to cite in the text).

### ONLINE SOURCES

Internet sources often do not contain full APA reference information. The basic reference template is made up of the author, date, title, and source (URL). When you have all reference information, order the information as follows:

**Author (Position A). Date (Position B). Title (Position C). Source (Position D).**

When reference information is missing, use the chart below as a guide:

What's missing?	Solution	Reference template			
		Position A	Position B	Position C	Position D
<b>Nothing; I've got all the pieces</b>	n/a	Author, A.	(date).	Title of document [Format].	Retrieved from http://URL
<b>Author is missing</b>	Substitute title for the author	Title of document [Format].	(date).	Retrieved from http://URL	
<b>Date is missing</b>	Use "n.d." for <i>no date</i>	Author, A.	(n.d.).	Title of document [Format].	Retrieved from http://URL
<b>Title is missing</b>	Describe the document inside square brackets	Author, A.	(date).	[Description of document].	Retrieved from http://URL
<b>Author and date are both missing</b>	Combine author and date methods	Title of document [Format].	(n.d.).	Retrieved from http://URL	
<b>Author and title are both missing</b>	Combine author and title methods	[Description of document].	(date).	Retrieved from http://URL	
<b>Date and title are both missing</b>	Combine date and title methods	Author, A.	(n.d.).	[Description of document].	Retrieved from http://URL
<b>Author, date, and title are all missing</b>	Combine all three methods	[Description of document].	(n.d.).	Retrieved from http://URL	

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**Note 1:** Depending on how much information is available, the format of the online source (when identifiable) in brackets is given before the URL. Examples of formats are [Video file], [Interview], [Documentary], and [Audio podcast].

**Note 2:** For a video file, the author is the person or entity that uploads the file – not necessarily the subject of the video.

**Note 3:** For an interview, the author is the interviewee. The interviewer (if available) is identified in brackets following the title of the reference.

## **Books and Journal Articles**

### **No Author**

Associated Press. (2013). Number of active Facebook viewers over the years. *Yahoo News*. Retrieved from <http://news.yahoo.com>

Disturb. (n.d.). *Free Online Dictionary*. Retrieved from <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/disturb>

*YouTube*. (2012). Statistics. Retrieved from [http://www.youtube.com/t/press\\_statistics](http://www.youtube.com/t/press_statistics)

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. (n.d.). Tattoos and numbers: The system of identifying prisoners at Auschwitz. *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. Retrieved from <http://www.ushmm.org>

### **One Author**

Metcalfe, J. (2012, April 26). Shoes over telephone wires: This probably doesn't explain it. *The Atlantic*. Retrieved from <http://www.theatlanticcities.com>

### **Two Authors**

Chase, C., & Coventry, M. (1997). Chrysalis. Retrieved from [http://www.isna.org/books/chrysalis/from\\_the\\_editors](http://www.isna.org/books/chrysalis/from_the_editors)

### **Three to Seven Authors**

Vrangalova, Z., Bukberg, R. E., & Rieger, G. (2013). Birds of a feather? Not when it comes to sexual permissiveness. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 1–21. Retrieved from <http://spr.sagepub.com>

Whitney, S. N., Holmes-Rovner, M., Brody, H., Schneider, C., McCullouch, L. B., Volk, R. J., & McGuire, A. L. (2008). Beyond shared decision making: An expanded typology of medical decisions. *Medical Decision Making, 28*, 699–705. doi:10.1177/0272989X08318465

**Note:** References with up to seven authors should have all authors listed.

### **More Than Seven Authors**

Brain, C. E., Creighton, S. M., Mushtaq, I., Carmichael, P. A., Barnicoat, A., Honour, J. W., . . . Achermann, J. C. (2010). Holistic management of DSD. *Best Practice & Research Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism, 24*, 335–354. doi:10.1016/j.beem.2010.01.006

### **Translated Works**

de la Cruz, J. I. (2008). Answer by the poet to the most illustrious Sister Filotea de la Cruz (W. Little, Trans.). Retrieved from <http://dept.sfcollege.edu/HFL/hum2461/pdfs/sjicAnswer.pdf> (Original work published 1691)

### **Newspaper**

Taranto, J. (2011, October 19). Obamacare's heritage. *Wall Street Journal*. Retrieved from <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052970204618704576641190920152366>

### **Magazine**

Cobb, W. J. (2013, January 2). Tarantino unchained. *The New Yorker*. Retrieved from <http://www.newyorker.com>

Goldberg, J. (2004, September 2). Only time will Zell. *National Review Online*. Retrieved from <http://old.nationalreview.com/Goldberg/goldberg200409022239.asp>

### **Editorial**

Young, C. (2012, October 22). Young: Libertarian alternative to Barack Obama and Mitt Romney [Editorial]. *Newsday*. Retrieved from <http://www.newsday.com>

### **Legal Opinions**

*Callins v. Collins*, 510 U.S. 1143 (1994) (Blackmun, J., dissenting).

**Note:** If citing a dissenting opinion, the page number (e.g. 1143 in the example above) should be the first page of the dissenting opinion.

### **Unpublished Online Document**

Department of Justice. (n.d.). Lawfulness of a lethal operation directed against a U.S. citizen who is a senior operational leader of Al-Qa'ida or an associated force [White paper]. Retrieved from [http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/sections/news/020413\\_DOJ\\_White\\_Paper.pdf](http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/sections/news/020413_DOJ_White_Paper.pdf)

### **Organizational News Release**

Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2013). Economic news release: Table A-16. Retrieved from <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t16.htm>

### **Web Page**

1492s. (n.d.). About [Facebook page]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/1491s/info>

Spiegel, A. (2012, October 3). How politicians get away with dodging the question. *NPR Morning Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.npr.org>

### **Web Log Post**

Sharp, A. (2012, August 1). A new barometer for the election [Blog message]. *Official Twitter Blog*. Retrieved from <http://blog.twitter.com/2012/new-barometer-election>

### **Web Log Comment**

Mt2m2. (2015, November 12). Re: A fast graph isomorphism algorithm [Blog comment]. Retrieved from <https://rjlipton.wordpress.com/2015/11/11/a-fast-graph-isomorphism-algorithm/#comment-72615>

**Note:** The author's real name is not available so the screen name is placed in the author position.

### **Facebook Status Update, Individual Author**

Gaiman, N. [Neil]. (2012, February 29). Please celebrate Leap Year Day in the traditional manner by taking a writer out for dinner. It's been four years since many authors had a good dinner. We are waiting. Many of us have our forks or chopsticks at the [Facebook status update]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/neilgaiman/posts/10150574185041016>

**Note:** The author's first name is given in brackets for clarification. The title consists of the post itself, up to 40 words.

### **Facebook Status Update, Group Author**

APA Style. (2011, March 10). How do you spell success in APA Style? Easy! Consult Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary or APA's Dictionary of Psychology. Read more over at the APA Style Blog [Facebook status update]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/APAStyle/posts/206877529328877>

**Note:** The title of the reference consists of up to 40 words of the post itself.

### **Tweet, Individual Author**

Gates, B. [BillGates]. (2013, February 26). #Polio is 99% eradicated. Join me & @FCBarcelona as we work to finish the job and #EndPolio. VIDEO: <http://b-gat.es/X75Lvy> [Tweet]. Retrieved from <https://twitter.com/BillGates/status/306195345845665792>

**Note:** The author's screen name is given in brackets. The first URL is a linked-in video within the author's tweet.

### **Tweet, Group Author**

Stanford Medicine [SUMedicine]. (2012, October 9). Animal study shows sleeping brain behaves as if it's remembering: <http://stan.md/RrqyEt> #sleep #neuroscience #research [Tweet]. Retrieved from <https://twitter.com/SUMedicine/status/255644688630046720>

**Note:** The group author's screen name is given in brackets.

### **Google+**

Cornell University. (2012, October 11). Having a cup of coffee before closing your eyes is the most effective way to combat daytime drowsiness, according to research. Sounds counterintuitive, but it takes 20 minutes for the caffeine to get into your bloodstream. So if you take [Google+ post]. Retrieved from <https://plus.google.com/116871314>

**Note:** The title consists of up to 40 words of the post.

### **Interview**

Tarantino, Q. (2012). Tarantino "Unchained" Part 1-3 [Interview by H. L. Gates]. Retrieved from <http://www.theroot.com/views/tarantino-unchained-part-1-django-trilogy?page=0,4>

### **Video / Audio**

the1491s. (2012a, September 21). I'm an Indian too [Video file]. Directed and edited by Sterlin Harjo. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com>

Al-Qaidah Network in the Land of the Two Rivers. (2007). *The expedition of Sheikh Umar Hadeed* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com>

Kozak, S., & Lazarus, S. (Producers), & MacDonald, E. (Director). (2008). *Pregnant man* [Documentary]. United Kingdom: September Films.

TheEllenShow. (2012b, April 16). Michelle Obama defends her push-ups [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com>

**Note:** In the example above, TheEllenShow entity uploaded the video, and so is the reference author.

### **Social Media Photo or Graphic, With Caption**

National Geographic. (2012, November 20). A supertelephoto lens allowed Colleen Pinski to capture this image of an annual solar eclipse. See more top shots: <http://on.natgeo.com/UasjJH> [Photograph]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151148294503951&set=pb.23497828950.-2207520000.1357225190>

**Note:** The title is the full caption. The photographer is credited in the narrative in text; however, the in-text citation should be (National Geographic, 2012).

### **Social Media Photo or Graphic, Without Caption**

U.S. Census Bureau. (2012, October 10). [Pathways after a bachelor's degree in psychology: Educational attainment, common occupations, and synthetic work-life earnings and estimates] [Infographic]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151027855527364&set=a.10151027848052364.407698.202626512363>

**Note:** The title in brackets is the full title of the infographic.

### **Social Media Photo Album**

Red Bull Stratos. (2012, October 15). *Mission to the edge of space, accomplished* [Photo album]. Retrieved from <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.507275739283434.122701.122924687718543>

**Note:** The in-text citation is (Red Bull Stratos, 2012). Also, include other details in the narrative, for example, "Felix Baumgartner broke the speed of sound in freefall

during his jump from the edge of space (for photos from mission day, see Red Bull Stratos, 2012).”