APA Reference Page

The reference page will be its own page and should be labeled “References”, bold and centered, at the top of the page. This page will also have a page number at the top right and should be double-spaced like the rest of the paper. Every in-text citation in the paper MUST have a reference here on this page.

References are ordered alphabetically by author’s last name. The first line of each reference is left justified, and all lines after the first line of entry should be indented 0.5 inch from the left margin (hanging indent). Use n.d. when a date is not available for the reference.

APA requires a digital object identifier (DOI), if available, regardless if online or print source. If both a DOI and URL are available, only use the DOI. For websites without a DOI, use the URL. On the reference page, present the DOI or URL as a hyperlink beginning with http:// or https://. Do NOT add a period after a DOI or URL. Blue font is acceptable for the link.

*Note – for sake of space, examples are not double spaced.

Books

Singular author

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitles. Publisher. DOI, if available

Example:

More than one author (up to 20)

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (*Use the ampersand (&) before the final author.)

Example (two authors):

Unknown author

If author is unknown, move the title of the work to the place of the author’s name

Example:
Work in an anthology

Author, A. A. (Year of anthology publication). Title of work. In A. A. Editor (Ed.), Title of anthology (pages of section). Publisher. DOI, if available (Originally published in year)

Example:

Periodicals (sources published at regular intervals)

*Note - If the journal article, newspaper, or magazine does not use volume, issue, and/or article or page numbers, omit the missing element(s) from the reference.

Article in scholarly journal

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. Title of Periodical, volume number(issue number), pages. DOI if online source

Example:

Newspaper

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. Title of Newspaper, volume number(issue number), pages. URL if online source

Example:

Magazine Article

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. Title of Magazine, volume number(issue number), pages. DOI or URL if online
Examples:

**Electronic Sources**

**Page from a Website**

*Note - If only mentioning a website in general in the paper, no reference is required.

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. Website Name. URL

Example:
Bologna, C. (2019, October 31). *Why some people with anxiety love watching horror movies*. HuffPost. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/anxiety-love-watching-horrow-movies_I_5d277587e4b02a5a5d57b59e](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/anxiety-love-watching-horrow-movies_I_5d277587e4b02a5a5d57b59e)

**Page from a Website without an author, use the organizational group as the author**

Example:

**Page from a Website when the information will change over time...one of the few times to use the phrase “retrieved”**

Example:

**Social Media**

**Tweet**

Author, A. A. or Name of Group [@username]. (Year, Month Day of post). *Content of the post up to the first 20 words* [Tweet]. Twitter. URL

*Note - Count a URL, a hashtag, or an emoji as one word each if they fall within the first 20 words. If the tweet includes an image, a video, a poll, or a thumbnail image with a link, indicate that in brackets after the title: [Image attached], [Video attached], [Thumbnail with link attached]. The format used for Twitter is also used for Instagram and TikTok.
Example:

Facebook Post
Author, A. A. or Name of Group. (Year, Month Date of post). Content of the post up to the first 20 words [Post type]. Facebook. URL

*Note - If a post includes images, videos, thumbnail links to outside sources, or content from another post (such as when sharing a link), indicate that in square brackets. Describe the post type (e.g., “[Status update],” “[Video]”) in square brackets after any description of attached content.

Example:
News From Science. (2019, June 21). Are you a fan of astronomy? Enjoy reading about what scientists have discovered in our solar system – and beyond? This [Image attached] [Status update]. Facebook. https://m.facebook.com/ScienceNOW/photos/a.117532185107/10156268057260108/?type=3&theater&_rdr

Facebook Page

*Note - Page title examples include “Home”, “About”, and “Reviews”.

Example:

YouTube or streaming video
Author, A. A. or Name of Group [Username if different from Author]. (Year, Month Date posted/uploaded). Title of video [Video]. Streaming Service. URL

Example:
Court Documents

Court Case

Name v. Name, Volume and page of where the case can be found (Year). URL

Example:

Statutes (Laws and Acts)

Name of Statute, Title of Source § Section Number (Year). URL

Example:

Resources used to develop this handout: