

The Basics: Formatting an APA Reference Page



When creating an APA reference page, it is essential to follow the specific guidelines for citing sources. APA format uses sentence case for titles (only the first word and proper nouns are capitalized). The citation style follows an author-date format (author's last name and the publication year). This guide is based on the 7th edition of the *APA Publication Manual* (2020).

****Note:** If there is no publication date, include n.d. in place of the date.

Book

Author's Last Name, First initial(s). (Year of Publication). *Book title*. City and State of Publication: Publishing Company.

Rapp, A. (1997). *The buffalo tree*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.

Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

Author's Last Name, First initial(s). (Year of publication). Title of the article or chapter. "In" editor's initials and last name, followed by "Ed(s)." in parentheses, *Title of book* (page numbers of the article or chapter). City and State of publication: Publishing Company.

Swift, J. (1729). A modest proposal. In S. Barnett and H. Bedau (Eds.), *Contemporary & classic arguments* (pp. 256-263). Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martin's.

Work in an Anthology

Author's Last name, First initial(s). (Date of Publication). Title of work. "In" editor's initials and last name, followed by "Ed(s)." in parenthesis, *Title of anthology* (page numbers of the work in the anthology). Publisher name. DOI or URL, if applicable

Lewin, K. (1999). Group decision and social change. In M. Gold (Ed.), *The complete social scientist: A Kurt Lewin reader* (pp. 265-284). American Psychological Association.
<https://doi.org/10.1037/10319-010> (Original work published 1948)

Journal Article

Author's Last Name, First initial(s). (Date of Publication). Article title. *Journal Title*, Volume number(Issue number), page numbers.

Poupart, L.M. (2002). Crime and justice in American Indian communities. *Social Justice*, 29(1), 144-159.

Work from a Website: (provide all of the below information that is available)

Author's Last Name, First initial(s). (Date of Publication). Title of the work or article. Website Name. "Retrieved from" <http://web address>

Patrice, M. (2008). *Government told to produce waterboarding info*. MSNBC. Retrieved from www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26530774

Film/Video

Author's Last Name, First Initial. [Username]. (Year, Month Day). *Title of the video in italics* [Video]. Platform. URL

Brown, T. [TED]. (2014, September 15). *The power of vulnerability* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCvmsMzlF7o>

Patrice, M. (n.d.). *Government told to produce waterboarding info*. MSNBC. Retrieved May 4, 2009 from www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26530774

Jackson, P. (Director). (2001). *The lord of the rings: The fellowship of the ring* [Film; four-disc special extended ed. On DVD]. WingNut Films; The Saul Zaentz Company.

Lecture/Speech

Speaker's Last Name, First Initial. (Year, Month Day). Title of the lecture [Lecture notes]. Institution.

Johnson, L. (2023, March 22). Cognitive behavioral therapy: Techniques and applications [Lecture notes]. Clayton State University.

Album

Songwriter's Last name, First Initial. (Year). *Album Title* [Album]. Publisher.

Bowie, D. (2016). *Blackstar* [Album]. Columbia.

Song

Songwriter's Last Name, First Initial. (Year). Title of the song [Song]. On *Album Title*. Publisher.

Drake. (2015). Hotline Bling [Song]. On *Views*. OVO Sound.

Social Media Post

Author's Last Name, First Initial. [Username]. (Year, Month Day). First 20 words of the post [Post type]. Platform. URL

Musk, E. [@elonmusk]. (2021, April 22). The Starship launch tower that catches the giant rocket booster is basically Mechazilla [Tweet]. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1385043427873202176>