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Commonly used in the social sciences, APA style emphasizes the year of publication, which is placed immediately after the author. To introduce the Bibliography, the word ‘References’ should be centred and bolded. Acknowledge authors, whose words or ideas you have used, in two places in your essay: in the ‘References’ section and in the body of the essay via in-text citations.

APA 7th edition was introduced in October of 2019. For the first time, there are different formatting conventions for student and professional papers (i.e., papers written for credit in a course and papers intended for publication). These differences mostly extend to the title page and running head. Crucially, citation practices do not differ between the two styles of paper.

Most Notable Changes

- Publisher’s location is no longer included for books.
- In-text citations of works with more than two authors are shortened to the first author’s name, then “et al.”
- Up to 20 authors of a work are listed in the reference section.
- DOIs are formatted as URLs (https://doi.org/10.7202/301385ar).
- URLs are no longer preceded by “retrieved from”.
- The format of a book (e-book, kindle book, etc) is no longer included in the reference, while the publisher’s name is.
- E-books are treated the same as print books. You do not include the format of the book (e-book, Kindle) and do include the publisher’s name. You still provide a DOI or link to the work.

Formatting Checklist (References & In-text Citations)

- Double-space entries.
- Indent the second and subsequent lines of each Reference (hanging indent).
- In Reference entries, invert all authors’ names; give last names and initials for up to and including 20 authors.
Books

Capitalize only the first word of book titles and subtitles and any proper nouns. When quoting word for word, always provide the author(s), and year of publication. When quoting word for word, provide specific page number(s). When paraphrasing, page numbers are optional. Include a DOI or URL if the book has one, otherwise APA treats online and print books the same.

One author

In-text: (Horn, 2009, p. 50)

Two authors

In-text: (Coates & Ewen, 2012, p. 30)

Multiple editions

In-text: (Dickason, 2006, p. 42)

Edited book

In-text: (Hird & Pavlich, 2012, p. 65)

E-book

In-text: (Goldman, 2005, p. 75)

Book chapter

The chapter author and title are listed first, then the editors and title of the book. Note that initials come first for book editors.

In-text: (Won, 2011, p. 128)
**Articles**

**E-Journal**

Italicize the journal title and volume, but not the issue. Make sure to include a doi or link if you found the article online.


https://doi.org/10.1108/17506120810887916

In-text: (Spake & Finney, 2008, p. 122)

**Print Journal**


In-text: (Drew & Wallis, 2014, p. 18)

**More than twenty authors**

After the nineteenth author’s name, use an ellipsis instead of the twentieth author’s name. Then, include the final author’s name. There should only be twenty names. In-text citations of works with more than two authors are shortened to the first author’s name, then “et al.” This also applies to books.


https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physletb.2012.08.020

In-text: (Aad et al., 2012, p. 12)

**Magazine article**


In-text: (Gladwell, 2011, p. 35)

**Newspaper article, print**


In-text: (Gagnon, 2012, p. A11)

**Newspaper article, online**
If an article does not have page numbers, you should include the paragraph number.

In-text: (Brody, 2007, para. 3)

**Course Materials**

**Lecture Slides**

https://eclass.yorku.ca
In-text: (Lockhart, 2020, slide 2)

**Course Kit**

In A. Medovarski (Compiler), *Course kit for HUMA 3315: Black Literatures and Cultures in Canada*, (pp. 131-144). York University Bookstore.
In-text: (Vernon, 2020, p. 137)

**Web Pages**

**Entire website**

If you are citing an entire web site you do not create an entry in your reference page, you just mention the website and provide a URL
In-text: The homeless hub (http://www.homelesshub.ca).

**Web page, authored**

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**Web page, no author, no date**

If the page does not say what date it was published, you can write n.d., no date.
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In-text: (Occupy Toronto, n.d.)
Encyclopedias

Print


In-text: (Peters, 2010, p. 2)

Online


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Wikipedia

For Wikipedia, use the URL for the archived version of the page. You can find it by selecting the “view history” tab and clicking on the most recent date.


In-text: (“Lester B. Pearson,” 2020)

Film & Media

Film


In-text: (Gunnarson, 2011)

TV Series


In-text: (Butt et al., 2004)

TV Series Episode

In-text: (Butt & Storey, 2004)

**YouTube Video**

https://youtu.be/KLHQAi36sZk

In-Text: (Trudeau, 2019)

**Digital Image**

Morey, H. (1930) *Sun beams into Grand Central Station* [Photo]. Gettyimages Gallery.
https://gettyimagesgallery.com/images/sun-beams-into-grand-central-station

In-text: (Morey, 1930)

**Government Documents**

**Authored, digital**

http://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/299876/publication.html

In-text: (Hurley & Wherrett, 2000, p. 2)

**Corporate author, government report, digital**


In-text: (British Columbia Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, 2010, p. 9)

**Corporate author, government agency report, digital**


In-text: (Canada Council for the Arts, 2011)
**Indirect Quotes**

**One author quotes another**

e.g. In a 2010 book by K. Anderson, you find a quote taken from Karl Marx’ Collected Works (1975).

In the body of your essay, cite both authors, indicating the author of the original quote (Marx) in your sentence, and the author in whose work you found the quote (Anderson), in an in-text citation.

“Marx astutely predicted that the railroad would “become the forerunner of modern industry.” (as cited in Anderson, 2010, p. 5).

In the Reference list, cite only the author in whose secondary source you found the quote (Anderson).

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