

## WORKING WITH QUOTATIONS 2B: CITATION (APA)

### What is a citation for?

Citation allows you to place your ideas in conversation with the work of other scholars. It shows that the sources used to construct your argument have been employed fairly and makes the significance of your argument clear to your audience by demonstrating how it contributes to the existing field of research.

### What must I cite?

a) sources you quote, b) sources you summarize or paraphrase, and c) sources that have influenced the formulation of your ideas. Source types vary: print books, online articles, websites, generative AI, etc.

### A complete citation includes two parts:

- 1) in-text citation: a brief note in the body of the text directly after a quote or idea used
- 2) reference list: a more thorough presentation of sources usually at the end of the paper

## CITING IN APA (7<sup>TH</sup> EDITION)

### In-text citations

APA format uses the author-date method to refer to a corresponding entry in the reference list: first word of the source list citation (typically the author), publication year.

Laughter communicates information about the social situation of the individual who is laughing (Douglas, 1971).

Direct quotations, paraphrases, and summaries of specific sections must also cite a page number. Use the abbreviation “p.” for one page, and “pp.” for a page range. If the source’s name appears in the body text that precedes the quotation, you only need to include the page number in the parentheses:

Douglas (1971) argues, “when one tribe laughs a lot and another tribe rarely...it means that the level of social tension has set low or high thresholds for bodily control” (p. 389).

If the paper includes multiple works by the same author-year, specify which by adding a letter to the date:

The intensity of individuals’ laughter communicates the level of social pressure their community applies to its members’ bodies (Douglas, 1971a, p. 389).

If the source has no known author or page numbers, use the first 1-3 main words of the title as it appears in the reference list. Example for the Reuters article “The Ever Given’s stranding in the Suez Canal”:

The SCA sought compensation from the Ever Given’s owner for reputational damages, as discussions on the fragility of global trade routes grew more heated (“Ever Given,” 2021).

### Reference list entries

References are listed in alphabetical order of the last name of the first author at the end of your paper. Entries are formatted with a half-inch hanging indent (i.e. every line after the first is indented).

Author names are formatted as Last Name, First/Middle Initials (e.g. Tolkien, J. R. R.). Titles of longer works (books, collections, journals, newspapers, etc.) are italicized (e.g. *Lord of the Rings*).

#### Book

Last Name, First Initial. (Publication year). *Title of work* (Trans./Ed.). Publisher. DOI (if available)

Scheirer, W. J. (2024). *A history of fake things on the internet*. Stanford University Press.

Li, J. (2021). *Distant sunflower fields* (C. Payne, Trans.). ACA Publishing.

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Blanchette, A., & Besky, S. (Eds.). (2019). *How nature works: Rethinking labor on a troubled planet*. University of New Mexico Press. <https://muse.jhu.edu/book/67953>

If the work has no specified author (e.g. government /organization publication), list the organization as author: Organization Name. (Publication year). *Title of publication*. URL/DOI (if available)

U.S. Census Bureau. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2011/compendia/statab/131ed.html>

### Book Article / Essay in Collection

Last Name, First Initial. (Publication year). Title of chapter. In First Initial Last Name (Ed./Eds.), *Title of book or collection* (pp. page range of work). Publisher. DOI (if available)

Haraway, D. (2011). A cyborg manifesto. In I. Szeman & T. Kaposy (Eds.), *Cultural theory: An anthology* (pp. 454–71). Wiley Blackwell.

### Journal Article

Last Name, First Initial. (Publication year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume(issue), pages. DOI

Hye-Knudsen, M., Kjeldgaard-Christiansen, J., Boutwell, B. B., & Clasen, M. (2024). First they scream, then they laugh: The cognitive intersections of humor and fear. *Evolutionary Psychology*, 22(2). <https://doi.org/10.1177/14747049241258355>

Magazine/newspaper articles and blog posts follow the same format, but with (Year, Month Day).

Mead, R. (2024, June 3). The man who reinvented the cat. *The New Yorker*. <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2024/06/10/catland-louis-wain-and-the-great-cat-mania-kathryn-hughes-book-review>

### Webpage and Social Media

For webpages that do not have overarching publication (magazine, blog, online journal, etc.):

Last Name, First Initial / Organization. (Year, Month Day). *Title of work*. Site Name. URL

Ziady, H. (2021, July 7). *The Ever Given is finally leaving the Suez Canal*. CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2021/07/07/business/ever-given-suez-canal>

Social Media: Last Name, First Initial [@handle]. (Year, Month Day). *Content of post up to 20 words* [type of post]. Site Name. URL

Yale University Library [@yalelibrary]. (2024, December 22). *Yale Library announces new literary prize for American poetry* [X post]. X. <https://x.com/yalelibrary/status/1870865663201534029>

### Film, Streamed Film, Video

Scott, R. (Director). (1997). *Blade runner* [film]. Warner Bros.

Sverdrup, G. (Director). (2020). The first frontier (Episode 2) [Documentary series episode]. In S. Spielberg (Executive Producer), *Life on our planet*. Silverback Films; Netflix. <http://www.netflix.com>

Wurtz, B. (2015, September 1). *History of the world* [Video]. Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9xQTEHebpa>

### Citation Managers

A citation management tool is a software or web-based service that helps you organize, keep track of large amounts of sources, and makes it easier to create works cited lists. Common free citation managers

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include: Zotero, Mendeley, EndNote, and RefWorks. Yale University Library offers regular workshops on how to use a citation manager. For details, visit <https://guides.library.yale.edu/citationmanagement>.

**More questions? Want to meet with a peer writing tutor?**

More on the APA official site: <https://apastyle.apa.org>. The full manual is available through the library. Visit [bit.ly/YaleWChandouts](http://bit.ly/YaleWChandouts) for more information on citations and additional Writing Center resources.