

APA BIBLIOGRAPHIC CITATIONS (END-TEXT CITATIONS)

WHAT IS A BIBLIOGRAPHIC CITATION?

Bibliographic citations (also called end-text citations) are components of the bibliography of the APA paper. A bibliography is a list of sources which the author uses to write their paper.

In APA, the bibliography is called the References page. When the page is titled, you simply write the word References (in bolded letters) at the top of the page.

The bibliographic citations are composed of all of the information that a reader would need to find the original source/text.

The bibliography will usually include the following (in order):

- * Last Name of the Author* The First and Middle Initial of the Author
- * The Year of Publication
- * The Title of the Text/Document
- * The Name of the Periodical which Contains the Text/Document. Note: Periodicals are magazines, journals, newspapers, newsletters, or websites which contain regular publications
- * The Volume
- * The Issue
- * The Page Numbers
- * The Uniform Resource Locator (also known as the URL or the web address) or the Digital Object

Identifier number (also known as the DOI number or its corresponding DOI URL).

Example: Robert, A.D. and Gastel, B. (2011). How to write and publish a scientific paper (7th ed.). Greenwood Press.

Note the following information in the following order:

Name. (Year of Publication). Title of work (edition). Press/Publisher.

AUTHORS & EDITORS

Whenever you write an author, start with the last name of the author. Next, include their first and middle initials.

Example: Last name, A.A.

If a username is given...

Example: Username.

If two authors are given...

Example: Last name, A.A. & Last name, B.B.

If three authors or more are given...

Example: Last name, A.A., et al.

If a corporate or association is listed as the author...

Example: Name of Group

If an editor is given...

Example: Last Name, E.E. (Ed.).

If two editors are given...

Example: Last Name, E.E. & Last Name F.F. (Eds.).

PAGE NUMBERING

If the page number is single, simply write the number.

Example: 7

If the page numbering is continuous, write both numbers with a dash.

Example: 14-17

If the page numbering is broken, write one number, a comma, and then the last number.

Example: 14, 17

YEARS/DATES

If one year is listed, then simply write the year

Example: 2001

If the book is republished, write the republication year as the publication year. Later in the citation, write the following in parentheses (Original work published YEAR)

Example:

Freud, S. (2010). The interpretation of dreams: The complete and definitive text (J. Strachey, Ed. & Trans.). Basic Books. (Original work published 1900).

If a month and date is provided, write the year, a comma, the month, and the day.

Example:

Mateo. (2024, April 25). The demise of modern society in twenty-four pictures. Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/mateo/141112>

TRANSLATORS OR NARRATORS

If a translator is listed, then write the first initial of the person, a period, the last name, and a comma followed by the abbreviation Trans.

Example: T. Translator, Trans.

Example: R. Johnson, Trans.

If a narrator is listed, then write the first initial of the narrator, a period, the last name, and a comma followed by the abbreviation Narr.

Example: N. Narrator, Narr.

Example: P. Stewart, Narr.

UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATORS AND DOI NUMBERS

If a Uniform Resource Locator (or URL/web address) is provided, then write the URL with https:// Example: <https://www.apa.org>

If a DOI number is provided, then write the DOI Number with the https:// prefix before.
Example: <https://xxxxxx-xxx-xxxxx>

TITLES (SENTENCE CASE)

When writing most titles for bibliographic citations in APA, use the Sentence Case. For the titles of Periodicals, use the Title Case procedure.

Example:

Title Case -> Writing with Power: Techniques for Mastering the Writing Process

Sentence Case -> Writing with power: Techniques for masting the writing process

For SENTENCE CASE, capitalize the following:

- * The First Word of the Title (or Heading)* The First Word of the Subtitle
- * The First Word after a Colon, Em Dash, or End Punctuation in a Heading
- * Nouns Followed by Numerals or Letters
- * Proper Nouns (e.g., proper names of people, places, and things, such as Martin Luther King, John Kennedy, Coco Chanel, San Antonio, Paris, Texas, The White House, The Louvre, Hogwarts, Mount Everest, Microsoft Powerpoint, Google Gemini, etc.)

COMMON REFERENCE FRAMEWORKS

Book Example: Author, A.A. (Year). Title of Book. Publisher. <https://>

Article Example: Author, A.A. (Year). Title of the article. Title of Periodical, Volume (Issue), #-#. <https://>

Edited Book Chapter or Article Example: Author, A.A. (Year). Title of the article. In E.E. Editor (Ed.), Title of book, Publisher. <https://>

Website Example: Name of Group. (Year, Month Day). Title of work. Site Name. <https://>

Reports (Government, Technical, or Other) Example: Author, A.A. (Year). Title of report. Publisher. <https://>

Film Example: Director, D.D. (Year). Title of work [Film]. Production Company. <https://>

Podcast Example: Author, A.A. (Year). Title of work. Publisher. <https://>

Online Video or Streamed Video Example: Author, A.A. (Year, Month Day). Title of work [Video]. Site Name. <https://>

Visual Work Example: Artist, A.A. (Year). Title of work [Type of Art]. Owner, City, State.
https://

Social Media Post Example: Username. (Year, Month Day). Content of the post – up to
20 words. Site Name. https://