

APA Documentation: Reference entries

In APA documentation, the bibliography is called References. Each entry is specifically formatted based on what type of source it is and how many authors there are. This guide provides the basic format and a model entry for the most commonly used sources in college writing that uses APA documentation.

Your formatting must match the models exactly, including commas, spaces, italics, capitals, etc. *Be sure to consult a resource to tell you how to format names if there is more than one author. See our Writing Guide “APA documentation: Authors’ names.”*

- **For more support:** See our Writing Guides “APA documentation: Title formats” and “APA Documentation: DOI numbers and URLs.”
- For any other kind of source, consult APAstyle.org, [Purdue OWL](http://PurdueOWL.com), etc.

► Book

Basic form:	Author, F. M. (year). <i>Title of book in sentence case and italics</i> . Publisher.
Example:	Maza, S. (2017) <i>Thinking about history</i> . University of Chicago Press.
For e-book: add DOI at the end	Jackson, L. M. (2019). <i>The psychology of prejudice: From attitudes to social action</i> (2 nd ed.). American Psychological Association. https://doi.org/10.1037/0000168-000

► Article in a scholarly journal accessed through a database:

Basic form:	Author, F. M. (date). Title of article in sentence case. <i>Title of Journal in Title Case and in Italics, vol#(iss#), pp#-#</i> . https://doi #
Example:	Doxhall, B. A. & Marpole, J. J. (2017). Reversing socio-environmental effects of ocean loss on Planet X with applied aspects of zyperispherical technology. <i>Interplanetary Mining</i> , 78(4), 1802-1819. https://doi.0006755mardox000uu
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If the source does not have a DOI number, end after the page numbers. Do not use a URL.</i>

► **Page from a website:**

Note: Corporate/group author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government websites and major organizations commonly post materials with no listed author. In this case, the organization itself is considered the author. This is called a “corporate author” or group author. (It doesn’t have anything to do with corporations; it is a use of the term that means “a body, a group.”)
Basic form Corporate/group author:	Group name. (year, month date). <i>Title of page in sentence case and italics</i> . Site name. URL.
Example:	National Institute of Mental Health. (2018, July). <i>Anxiety disorders</i> . U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If group author and site name are the same, omit the site name.
Basic form: Individual authors named:	Lastname, F. M. (year, month date). Title of page in sentence case and italics. Site name. URL
Example:	Schaeffer, K. (2021, October 1). <i>What we know about online learning and the homework gap amid the pandemic</i> . Pew Research Center. https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/10/01/what-we-know-about-online-learning-and-the-homework-gap-amid-the-pandemic

► **Government report:**

Basic form:	Author/responsible agency. (date). Title of report in sentence case. Publisher/Parent agency. URL
Example:	National Cancer Institute. (2019). Taking time: Support for people with cancer (NIH Publication NO. 18-2059). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. https://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/takingtime.pdf