



To assist students to accurately site the work of others, Clissold has prepared the “Clissold APA cheat sheet” using APA formatting guides compiled from the Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL), https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html. APA format changes with some regularity. Therefore, this cheat sheet concentrates its efforts on those aspects of citation that do not change—order. Author (if known) comes first, followed by date (if known), title(s), and finally, publishing data.

1. AUTHOR

Single Author

Last name first, followed by author initials.

EXAMPLE: Berndt, T. J.

Two Authors

List by their last names and initials. Use the ampersand instead of "and."

EXAMPLE: Wegener, D. T., & Petty, R. E.

Three to Seven Authors

List by last names and initials; commas separate author names, while the last author name is preceded again by ampersand.

EXAMPLE: Kernis, M. H., Cornell, D. P., Sun, C. R., Berry, A., Harlow, T., & Bach, J. S.

More Than Seven Authors

EXAMPLE: Miller, F. H., Choi, M. J., Angeli, L. L., Harland, A. A., Stamos, J. A., Thomas, S. T., . . .
Rubin, L. H.

Organization as Author

EXAMPLE: American Psychological Association.

Unknown Author

EXAMPLE: *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary* (10th ed.).

2. DATE

Year only

Four digit year of publication within parenthesis, followed by a period.

EXAMPLE: (1993).

Month and year

Four digit year of publication, followed by the month. All within parentheses, followed by a period.

EXAMPLE: (2013, July).

Month, day and year

Four digit year of publication, followed by the month and the date. All within parentheses, followed by a period.

EXAMPLE: (2009, August 25).

No date available

(n.d.).

3. TITLE(S)

Titles of articles come before titles of magazines or websites. The main title of longer publications is italicized. Words for journal article titles are capitalized. First letters of first words are capitalized for books, chapters, articles or web pages.

EXAMPLE: Victory lap: Hawks whirl around city, dazzling fans with Stanley Cup. *Chicago Tribune*.

Volume, number, and page numbers follow titles.

Encyclopedia

EXAMPLE: (Vol. 26, pp. 501-508)

Journal, magazine or newspaper

Italicized volume, number or issue in parenthesis, page number

EXAMPLE: *15*(30), 5-13.

4. PUBLISHING INFORMATION

Book

Publishing city, State: name of publishing company

EXAMPLE: New York, NY: Scribner's.

Webpage

Retrieved from followed by the URL address

EXAMPLE: Retrieved from <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/724633/feminism>

Government document

Publishing city, state. Government office

EXAMPLE: Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

WITHIN DOCUMENT CITATION SAMPLES

(Morales, 2018).

Miles Morales said that anyone can wear the mask in *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (2018).

Lee (n.d.) said, "That person who helps others simply because it should or must be done, and because it is the right thing to do, is indeed without a doubt, a real superhero."