**Creating your APA References page**

The first step to citing correctly is knowing what **type of source** you have. Here are templates for citing the types of sources you’re most likely to use in your research. Pay attention to details such as the correct use of **periods, colons** and ***italics***, as well as when to use **parentheses** or **square brackets**. Also, note that you should only **capitalize** the first word of each title.

**Book with only one author**

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of book*. Publisher.

Calfee, R. C. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication*. American Psychological Association.

**Book with two or more authors**

Calfee, R. C., & Valencia, R. R. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication*.

**Do I need to re-arrange the Last name, First initial format if there is more than one author?** No. Write the next author’s name the same way. Use the & symbol between them.

**One chapter or section in a book that contains several authors**

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). Title of chapter. In A. A. Editor & B. B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. page range). Publisher.

O'Neil, J. M., & Egan, J. (1992). Men's and women's gender role journeys: A metaphor for healing, transition, and transformation. In B. R. Wainrib (Ed.), *Gender issues across the life cycle* (pp. 107-123). Springer.

**How do I know who is the author and who is the editor?** The **author** of the **selection** (chapter, essay, short story, or poem) goes **first**. After the chapter title, make sure you write “In” before the name and “(Ed.)” after it to show that the next name is the **editor’s name**.

**How do I know which title is which?** The title in quotation marks is the **selection title**. The **book title** is in italics and **after** the name of the editor.

**Web page with an author (not from PSC library)**

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). *Title of page*. Site name. http://www.webaddress.com

Chandrasekhar, R. (2000). *How to write a thesis: A working guide* [PDF file]. University of Western Australia. https://www.student.uwa.edu.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0007/1919239/How-to-write-a-thesis-A-working-guide.pdf

**Web page without an author (not from PSC library)**

*General format*. (2010). Purdue OWL. Retrieved May 11, 2020, from http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

**Should I place the year first if I don’t have an author?** No. Put the title of the page first (before the year). Then write the year and then the URL. Don’t forget to put a period after the title and after the date.

**Journal article (probably from PSC library databases)**

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume number*(issue number)*,*page range. doi:0000000/000000000000

Wooldridge, M.B., & Shapka, J. (2012). Playing with technology: Mother-toddler interaction scores lower during play with electronic toys. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology, 33*(5), 211-218. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appdev.2012.05.005

**What if I don’t know the volume or issue number?** That’s okay. Simply omit that information. (See **below** for an example of a journal article with **no volume or issue number**.)

Brownlie, D. (2007). Toward effective poster presentations: An annotated bibliography. *European Journal of Marketing*, 1245-1283. doi:10.1108/03090560710821161

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**YouTube video**

Author, A. A. [Uploader’s screen name or name of channel]. (year, month day). *Title of video* [Video]. Streaming Service. https://www.someaddress.com/full/url/

MacLeod, Shaun [Smrt English]. (2012, November 15). *Basic essay structure* [Video]. YouTube. https://youtu.be/7P4fzbzwwAg.

**What if there is no specific author for my video?**  If no author name is available, or if the author's name is identical to the screen name or name of the channel, leave it out. In this case, do not put the username in brackets.

PBSoffbook. (2013, October 3). *How to be creative* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weIQIthC3Ks.