

APA Reference List for Websites

Single page on a website

Format:

Author, A. (date). Title of document. Retrieved from <http://URL>

Example:

Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5).
General format. Retrieved from <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

If the web page does not list an author:

When there is no author for a web page, the title moves to the first position of the reference entry.

Example:

All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue. (2010, October 13). Retrieved from
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39625809/ns/world_news-americas/

For in-text citations of a source with no author, use the first few words of the reference list entry (usually the title) and the year. Use double quotation marks around the title or abbreviated title: ("All 33 Chile Miners Freed," 2010).

If the web page does not list a publication year:

Replace the date with (n.d.).

Example:

The College of William and Mary. (n.d.). College mission statement. Retrieved from
<http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/provost/mission/index.php>

If the web page does not have page numbers (in-text citations only):

If you quote directly from a source, you would normally include a page number for the quotation in your in-text citation (e.g., Jones, 2007, p. 199). If your web source does not include page numbers, you can include any of the following in the text to cite the quotation:

- A paragraph number, if provided; alternatively, you could count paragraphs down from the beginning of the document.
- An overarching heading plus a paragraph number within that section.
- A short title in quotation marks, in cases in which the heading is too unwieldy to cite in full.

Examples:

("Heuristic," n.d., para. 1)

According to Smith (1997), ... (Mind over Matter section, para. 6).

Entire website

When citing an entire website (but not a specific document on that site), it is sufficient to give the address of the site in just the text.

Example:

Kidspsych is a wonderful interactive website for children (<http://www.kidspsych.org>).

Other web format

When the format of your web document is something out of the ordinary, such as a blog post or lecture notes, give a format description in brackets after the document title.

Examples:

Freakonomics. (2010, October 29). E-ZPass is a life-saver (literally) [Blog post]. Retrieved from <http://freakonomics.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/10/29/e-zpass-is-a-life-saver-literally/>

Dunning, B. [volleybrian]. (2011, January 12). *inFact: Conspiracy theories* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEijdTeBMRM&list=UUG9DGRmeyQZAlcCD4JGMilQ&index=5&feature=plcp>

Do I need a retrieval date?

When a citation includes a digital object identifier, no further retrieval information is needed.

When a DOI is not available, and a URL is included, do not include retrieval dates unless the source material may change over time (e.g., wikis or social media sites).

Example:

When I was your age, Pluto was a planet. (n.d.) In *Facebook* [Group page]. Retrieved December 16, 2009, from <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2207893888>

For more information and examples, see:

Official APA Style FAQ: <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/index.aspx>

Official APA Style Blog: <http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/social-media/>

Purdue OWL on APA Web Sources: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>