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CHANGES IN THE 7TH EDITION

- Publisher location is no longer included in the reference.
- The in-text citation for works with three or more authors is now shortened right from the first citation. Include only the first author’s name and “et al.”
- Surnames and initials for up to 20 authors (instead of 7) should be provided in the reference list.
- DOIs are formatted the same as URLs. The label “DOI:” is no longer necessary.
- URLs are no longer preceded by “Retrieved from,” unless a retrieval date is needed. The website name is also included, unless it’s the same as the author.
- For ebooks, the format, platform, or device (e.g. Kindle) is no longer included in the reference.
- Clear guidelines are provided for including contributors other than authors and editors. For example, when citing a podcast episode, the host of the episode should be included; for a TV series episode, the writer and director of that episode are cited.

FORMATTING THE REFERENCE LIST

- Begin the reference list on a new page after the text.
- Place the section label “References” in bold at the top of the page centered.
- Order the reference list entries alphabetically by author.
- Double-space the entire reference list (within and between entries).
- Apply a hanging indent of 0.5 to each reference list entry, meaning that the first line of the reference is flush left and subsequent lines are indented 0.5” from the left margin.

REFERENCE EXAMPLES

PERIODICALS

JOURNAL ARTICLE, ONE AUTHOR

JOURNAL ARTICLE, MORE THAN TWO AUTHORS

JOURNAL ARTICLE, WITH DOI

JOURNAL ARTICLE, WITH NO DOI

JOURNAL ARTICLE, FROM ONLINE LIBRARY DATABASE

JOURNAL ARTICLE, IN PRESS

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, PRINT VERSION

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, ONLINE

https://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/18/science/18angier.html?_r=1&ref=science

BLOG POST

https://bioliteracy.blog/2018/09/15/can-we-talk-scientifically-about-free-will/

EDITORIAL

https://doi.org/10.1177/1043659616638722

BOOKS
BOOK, PRINT VERSION
BOOK, ELECTRONIC VERSION
https://muse.jhu.edu/book/1841

EDITED BOOK, PRINT VERSION, EDITION OTHER THAN FIRST

BOOK CHAPTER, PRINT VERSION

BOOK CHAPTER, ELECTRONIC VERSION, WITH DOI
https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118094792

ENTRY IN AN ONLINE REFERENCE WORK
http://sk.sagepub.com/reference/motherhood

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REPORT BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR OTHER ORGANIZATION

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AUTHORED REPORT FROM A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR OTHER ORGANIZATION
REPORT BY A TASK FORCE, WORKING GROUP, OR OTHER GROUP


ANNUAL REPORT


CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE SESSION


PAPER PRESENTATION


POSTER PRESENTATION


SYMPOSIA

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

DISSERTATION OR THESIS FROM A DATABASE


UNPUBLISHED DISSERTATION OR THESIS


REVIEWS

BOOK REVIEW


FILM REVIEW PUBLISHED IN A JOURNAL


DATA SET


https://www.pewsocialtrends.org/dataset/american-trends-panel-wave-26/

AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA

FILM or VIDEO


YOUTUBE VIDEO


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BM-CB-ND9d4&vl=en

PODCAST


https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510347/be-a-powerful-patient

SOCIAL MEDIA
TWEET

Badlands National Park [@Badlands NPS]. (2019, July 7). *Everyone wants the perfect selfie while visiting national parks #SelfieSafety* [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/BadlandsNPS/status/1147987211163439105

FACEBOOK PAGE


FACEBOOK POST


INSTAGRAM PHOTO OR VIDEO


WEBSITE

WEBPAGE ON A WEBSITE WITH A GROUP AUTHOR


IN-TEXT CITATIONS

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In-text citations have two formats: parenthetical and narrative. In parenthetical citations, the author name and publication date, separated by a comma, appear in parentheses. In narrative citations, the author name appears in running text and the date appears in parentheses immediately after the author name.

Parenthetical Citation

Falsely balanced news coverage can distort the public’s perception of expert consensus on an issue (Koehler, 2016).

Narrative Citation

Koehler (2016) noted the dangers of falsely balanced news coverage.
Correspondence between a Reference List Entry and an In-Text Citation


Parenthetical citation: (Alexander, 2018)

Narrative citation: Alexander (2018)

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