
How to Prepare Bibliographic Citations: American Sociological Association

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- References follow the text and endnotes in a separate section headed **References**. All references cited in the text must be listed and vice-versa.
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- If no date is available use N.d. in place of the date.
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REFERENCE EXAMPLES

PRINT BOOKS

Author1 (last name, first name), Author2 (first name, last name), and Author3 (first name, last name). Year of publication.

Name of Publication (italicized). Location of Publisher: Publisher's Name.

Note: For all types of references, when there are two authors or editors, include a comma after the name of the first author or editor.

BOOK, SINGLE AUTHOR

Collins, Patricia H. 2004. *Black Sexual Politics: African Americans, Gender, and the New Racism*. New York:

Routledge.

BOOK, TWO OR MORE AUTHORS

Edin, Kathryn, and Maria Kefalas. 2005. *Promises I Can Keep: Why Poor Women Put Motherhood Before Marriage*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

BOOK, EDITED

Hagan, John, and Ruth D. Peterson, eds. 1995. *Crime and Inequality*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

BOOK, CHAPTER IN A BOOK

Williams, Susan L. 2001. "City Kids and Country Cousins: Rural and Urban Youths, Deviance, and Labor Market Ties." Pp. 379-441 in *Social Awakening: Adolescent Behavior as Adulthood Approaches*, edited by Robert T. Michael. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

BOOK, EDITIONS OF BOOKS

Gmelch, George, and Walter P. Zenner. 2002. *Urban Life: Readings in the Anthropology of the City*. 4th ed. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press.

BOOK, TRANSLATIONS

Barbagli, Marzio. 1982. *Educating for Unemployment: Politics, Labor Markets, and the School System-Italy, 1959-1973*. Translated by R.H. Ross. New York: Columbia University Press.

PRINT JOURNAL ARTICLES

Author1 (last name, first name), Author2 (first name, last name), and Author3 (first name, last name). Year of Publication.

"Title of Article." *Name of Publication* (italicized) Volume Number(Issue Number):Page Numbers of Article.

PRINT JOURNAL ARTICLE, ONE AUTHOR

Virnoche, Mary E. 2001. "Pink Collars on the Internet: Roadblocks to the Information Superhighway." *Women's Studies Quarterly* 29(3):80-102.

PRINT JOURNAL ARTICLE, TWO OR MORE AUTHORS

Murrell, Audrey J., and Erika Hayes James. 2001. "Gender and Diversity in Organization: Past, Present and Future Directions." *Sex Roles* 45(5):243-257.

PRINT NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Samuelson, Robert J. 2001. "Can America Assimilate?" *Newsweek*, April 9, 42.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

E-BOOKS

Author1 (last name, first name), Author2 (first name, last name), and Author3 (first name, last name). Date of Publication.

Name of Publication (italicized). Location of Publisher: Publishers Name. Method of Access URL or Device.

E-BOOK, ACCESSED FROM A DATABASE

Dewey, John. 1920. *Reconstruction in Philosophy*. New York: Henry Holt and Company.

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.b3488344&view=1up&seq=7>.

E-BOOK, ACCESSED FROM A DEVICE

Dowling, John E., 2004. *The Great Brain Debate: Nature or Nurture?* Washington, DC: Joseph Henry Press. Kindle.

ELECTRONIC JOURNAL ARTICLES

Same as print. If there is no DOI, substitute a URL or link to the article in its place.

JOURNAL ARTICLES FROM ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

Schafer, Daniel W., and Fred L. Ramsey. 2003. "Teaching the Craft of Data Analysis." *Journal of Statistics Education*.

11(1). <http://amstat.org/publications/jse/v11n1/schafer.html>.

JOURNAL ARTICLES WITH DOI

Phillips, Reginald. M., and S. H. Bonsteel. 2010. "The Faculty and Information Specialist Partnership Stimulating

Student Interest and Experiential Learning." *Nurse Educator*, 35(3), 136-138. doi:

10.1097/NNE.0b013e3181d95090.

ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Sampson, Robert J. 2006. "Open Doors Don't Invite Criminals." *New York Times*, March 11.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/11/opinion/11sampson.html>.

WEBSITES, BLOGS, & SOCIAL MEDIA

Websites, blogs, and social media are entered in the text and referenced in a footnote or endnote; they are not included in reference lists. A general rule may be applied that if the site contains data or evidence essential to a point being addressed in the manuscript, it should be formally cited. Personal communications like blog entries or comments, email, text messages, and social media sources from a frequently cited account may be included in the reference list.

WEBSITES

Organization Acronym (Organization's Full Title). Date of Publication or N.d. when the Date is Unknown. "Title of the Page." Accessed Date (only if no date of publication can be determined from the website). URL.

KNOWN PUBLICATION DATE

Purdue University. 2012. "Purdue University's Foundations of Excellence Final Report: A Roadmap for Excellent Beginnings. http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/provost_pubs/1/1.

UNKNOWN PUBLICATION DATE

WHO (World Health Organization).N.d. "About WHO." Accessed April 17, 2019. <https://www.who.int/about>.

BLOG ENTRIES

Author (last name inverted). Year Published. "Title of the Blog". *Publication Title* (italicized). Date of the post. URL.

Ray, Victor. 2018. "The Racial Politics of Citation." *Conditionally Accepted* (blog), *Inside Higher Ed*. April 27, 2018. <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2018/04/27/racial-exclusions-scholarly-citations-opinion>.

SOCIAL MEDIA SOURCES

Author. Year Posted. Title of Post (in quotation marks). Social media platform (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), Date, time of post. URL.

NWS Boston (@NWS Boston). 2019. "Mostly sunny skies across the region today with high temps reaching into the 80s! #HappySaturday." Twitter, July 13, 8:50 a.m. <http://twitter.com/NWSBoston/status/115002534402981068>.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

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VIDEO

PBS (Public Broadcasting Corporation). 2008. "Women, Power and Politics." *Now*. Aired September 19. <https://www.pbs.org/now/shows/437/index.html>.

OTHER EXAMPLES

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

DISSERTATION OR THESIS IN PRINT OR MICROFORM

King, Andrew J. 1976. "Law and Land Use in Chicago: A Pre-History of Modern Zoning." PhD dissertation, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

DISSERTATION OR THESIS RETRIEVED FROM DATABASE

Bao, Luoman. 2016. "Intergenerational Support and Well-Being of Older Adults in Changing Family Contexts." PhD dissertation, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland-College Park. Proquest,1840192880.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2010. "*Healthy People 2020*." Washington, DC: Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

Citations in text are within the body of the essay.

GENERAL FORMATTING

- Cite the last name of the author and year of publication.
- Include page numbers within the citation when directly quoting the authors' words, paraphrasing a passage, or referring to specific passages.
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When Duncan (1959) studied...

- If the author's name is not in the text, enclose last name and year in parentheses.

When these relationships were studied (Gouldner 1963)...

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- Short quotations in the body of the manuscript are surrounded by quotation marks.
- Block quotations (direct quotations of more than 40 words) are offset from the main text and may be single-spaced. Do not include quotation marks with block quotes.
- Pagination follows the year of publication after a colon (note that in the in-text citation, there is no space between the colon and the page number).

As tabulated by Kuhn (1970:71) the results show...

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(Martin and Bailey 1988)

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First citation: (Carr, Smith, and Jones 1962)

Later citations: (Carr et al. 1962)

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(Nilson et al. 1962)

NAME OF AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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(U.S. Bureau of the Census 1963:117)

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(Burgess 1982; Marwell et al. 1971)

(Marwell et al. 1971; Burgess 1980)

CITING A REPRINTED WORK

- If the work being cited was published earlier and then re-released, list the earliest date first in brackets, followed by the publication date of the recent version used.

(Finke and Stark [1992]2005)

CITING UNPUBLISHED WORK

- For unpublished papers, cite the date, or, if scheduled to be published soon, use *forthcoming* in lieu of a date. If no date is given, use N.d.

Jones (N.d.) discusses the relationship between students and parents.

- For archival sources, use abbreviations when possible.

(Meany Archives, LRF, Box 6, March 18, 1970)

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- Notes are listed in a separate "ENDNOTES" section.
- Notes can explain or amplify text, cite materials of limited availability, or append information presented in a table or figure.
- Begin each note with the superscript numeral to which it is keyed in the text (e.g., "1. After 1981, there were...").
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ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES AND INFORMATION

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