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APA Style 7th Edition - Citing Artwork

Citing Artwork in a Museum or on a Museum Website

Basic Format: Artist(s) last name, Initial(s). (Year). *Title of artwork* [Description of medium: Oil on

canvas, Photograph, Sculpture, etc.]. Museum or Collection, City, State/Province, Country. URL

Citing Artwork With No Title

Basic Format: Artist Last Name, First Initial. (Year). [Description of artwork]. Museum Name,

Location. URL

Example

van Gogh, V. (1889). *The starry night* [Painting]. The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, United

States. https://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/vincent-van-gogh-the-starry-night-1889/

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Artist Last Name, Year)

    ○ **Example:** (van Gogh, 1889)

- **Narrative citation:** Artist Last Name (Year)

    ○ **Example:** van Gogh (1889)

Citing An Art Exhibition

- If curator(s) are listed, they go in the author position.

- If no curator is listed, the exhibition title moves to the author position.

Citing An Exhibition With No Named Curator

Basic Format: Title of exhibition [Exhibition]. (Year or Year–Year). Museum Name, City,

State/Country. URL

Example

Design for eternity: Architectural models from the ancient Americas [Exhibition]. (2015–2016).

   The Met Fifth Avenue, New York, NY, United States.

   https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2015/design-for-eternity

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Title of exhibition, Year)
    - **Example:** (Design for eternity, 2015–2016)
- **Narrative citation:** Title of exhibition (Year)
    - **Example:** Design for eternity (2015–2016)

Citing An Exhibition With Curator

Basic Format: Curator Last Name, First Initial., & Curator Last Name, First Initial. (Year or Year–

Year). *Title of exhibition* [Exhibition]. Museum Name, City, Country. URL

Example

Martinez, J.-L., & Douar, F. (2018–2019). *Archaeology goes graphic* [Exhibition]. The Louvre, Paris,

   France, https://www.louvre.fr/en/expositions/archaeology-goes-graphic

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Curator Last Name and Curator Last Name, Year)
    - **Example:** (Martinez and Douar, 2018–2019)
- **Narrative citation:** Curator Last Name and Curator Last Name (Year)
    - **Example:** Martinez and Douar (2018–2019)

Citing An Informational Museum Plaque

- Use a description in square brackets in place of a title

- Use the plaque's date (if available)

- Use (n.d.) if no date

- Do not use the artwork's original creation date

Basic Format: [Description of plaque]. (Year or n.d.). Museum Name, City, State/Country.

Example

[Plaque with background information about American Gothic]. (n.d.). Art Institute of Chicago,

   Chicago, IL, United States.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** ([Shortened plaque description], Year)

  - **Example:** ([Plaque with background information about American Gothic], n.d.)

- **Narrative citation:** [Shortened plaque description] (Year)

  - **Example:** [Plaque with background information about American Gothic] (n.d.)

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In-Text Citations

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Citing An Exhibition With No Named Curator

Basic Format: Title of exhibition [Exhibition]. (Year or Year–Year). Museum Name, City,

State/Country. URL

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Citing An Exhibition With Curator

Basic Format: Curator Last Name, First Initial., & Curator Last Name, First Initial. (Year or Year–

Year). *Title of exhibition* [Exhibition]. Museum Name, City, Country. URL

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In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Curator Last Name & Curator Last Name, Year)

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In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Curator Last Name & Curator Last Name (Year)

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Citing An Informational Museum Plaque

Basic Format: [Description of plaque]. (Year or n.d.). Museum Name, City, State/Country.

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In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** ([Shortened plaque description], Year)

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In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** [Plaque with background information about American Gothic]

  (n.d.)

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