

## APA Style 7<sup>th</sup> Guide – Citing Artwork

### APSU Writing Center Handout

#### 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/](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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