

APA Style 7th Guide – Citing Websites

APSU Writing Center Handout

1. Citing Webpage on a Website

Basic Format: Author(s). (Year, if available). *Title of the webpage*. Website Name. URL

Instructions

Italicize the webpage title

Use the most specific date available (publication or last updated date)

Omit “last reviewed” dates

Include a retrieval date only if the page content changes over time

Do not include the site name if it is the same as the author

Examples

Bologna, C. (2019, October 31). *Why some people with anxiety love watching horror movies*.

HuffPost. https://www.huffpost.com/entry/anxiety-love-watching-horror-movies_1_5d277587e4b02a5a5d57b59e

Roberts, N. (2020, June 10). *Trayvon Martin’s mother, Sybrina Fulton, qualifies to run for*

elected office. BET News. <https://www.bet.com/news/national/2020/06/10/trayvon-martin-mother-sybrina-fulton-qualifies-for-office-florid.html>

Toner, K. (2020, September 24). *When Covid-19 hit, he turned his newspaper route into a*

lifeline for senior citizens. CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/04/us/coronavirus-newspaper-deliveryman-groceries-senior-citizens-cnnheroes-trnd/index.html>

Parenthetical citations: (Bologna, 2019; Roberts, 2020; Toner, 2020)

Narrative citations: Bologna (2019), Roberts (2020), and Toner (2020)

2. Comment on a News Website

Basic Format: Commenter's Last Name, Initial(s). or Username. (Year, Month Day). Title of comment or first 20 words of comment [Comment on the webpage *Title of webpage* in sentence case]. News Website Name. URL

Example

Owens, L. (2020, October 7). *I propose a bicycle race between Braden and Tammy* [Comment on the webpage *Here's what nurses make of Tammy's COVID-19 diagnosis*]. HuffPost.
<https://www.spot.im/s/00QeiyApEIFa>

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Author, Publication Year)

- **Example:** (Owens, 2020)

Narrative Format: Author (Publication Year)

- **Example:** Owens (2020)

3. Government Agency Webpage

Basic Format: Government Agency Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. Parent Agency Name. URL

Example

National Institute of Mental Health. (2018, July). *Anxiety disorders*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.shtml>

Parenthetical citation: (National Institute of Mental Health, 2018)

Narrative citation: National Institute of Mental Health (2018)

4. Organization as Author

Basic Format: Organization Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. URL

Instructions

Use when a group (WHO, APA, CDC, etc.) is listed as the author.

Do not repeat the website name if it's the same as the author

Example

World Health Organization. (2018, May 24). *The top 10 causes of death*.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/the-top-10-causes-of-death>

Parenthetical citation: (World Health Organization, 2018)

Narrative citation: World Health Organization (2018)

5. Individual Author on a Website

Basic Format: Author's Last Name, Initial(s). (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. Site Name.

URL.

Examples

Horovitz, B. (2021, October 19). *Are you ready to move your aging parent into your home?*

AARP. <https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/home-care/info-2021/caregiving-questions.html>

Schaeffer, K. (2021, October 1). *What we know about online learning and the homework gap*

amid the pandemic. Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/10/01/what-we-know-about-online-learning-and-the-homework-gap-amid-the-pandemic/>

Parenthetical citations: (Horovitz, 2021; Schaeffer, 2021)

Narrative citations: Horovitz (2021) and Schaeffer (2021)

6. Webpage That Requires a Retrieval Date

Basic Format: Author. (n.d.). *Title of webpage*. Website Name. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from URL

Instructions

Use only for content that changes and is not archived.

Example

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *U.S. and world population clock*. U.S. Department of Commerce.

Retrieved January 9, 2020, from <https://www.census.gov/popclock/>

Parenthetical citation: (U.S. Census Bureau, n.d.)

Narrative citation: U.S. Census Bureau (n.d.)

References

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