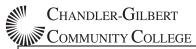# APA Reference Format Simplified

APA 7ᵗʰ Edition (2019) requires a **hanging indent** and **double-spacing** for its references. Always use **italics**, not underlining, when required (for example, with book and journal titles).

Note: If a source is found online, always include the DOI or URL. A retrieval date is not necessary for most resources. Use a retrieval date when citing a source that is likely to change (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, Google maps).

Book	APA Format	Example
One Author	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year). *Title of work*. Publisher.	Gyasi, Y. (2016). *Homegoing*. Knopf. Doubleday Publishing Group.
Two to Twenty-one Authors	Last name, First initial. Middle initial., & Last name, First initial, Middle initial. (Year). *Title of work*. Publisher.	Doyle, T., McEachern, D., & MacGregor, S. (2015). *Environment and politics* (4ᵗʰ ed.). Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/ 9780203383704
Editor and/or Chapter in a Book	Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of chapter. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. #-#). Publisher.	Shardlow, S. M. (2017). Values, ethics, and social work. In R. Adams, L. Dominelli, & M. Payne (Eds.), *Social work: Themes, issues, and critical debates* (3rd ed., pp. 37-48). Macmillan Education UK..https://books.google.com/books?id=SplMDwAAQBAJ& printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false
Audio or e-book	Last name, First initial. (Year). *Title of work*. (First Initial, Last name, Narr.) [Audiobook]. Publisher.	Trevor, N. (2016). *Born a Crime*. (T. Noah, Narr.) [Audiobook]. Spiegel & Grau. https://www.audible.com/pd/Born-aCrimeAudiobook/BOIIW9TQPK
Periodical Article	**APA Format**	**Example**
Magazine	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine, volume number*(issue number), pp. #-#. URL	Felsenthal, E. (2019, July 17). The story behind TIME's journey to space. *Time, 194*(4). https://time.com/5628733/apollo-11-space-time-cover/

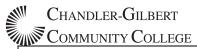| Newspaper	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, pp. #-#. URL Note: If an article has discontinuous page numbers, list all page numbers, but separate them with a comma (e.g. pp. A3, A5, A6-7).	Brower, M. (2021, September 30). Arizona monsoon ending with 2nd-most days of rain ever in metro Phoenix. *AZCentral*. https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix-weather/2021/09/30/arizona-monsoon-season-ends-2021-2nd-most-days-rain-ever-23/5931090001/
Journal	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume number*(issue number), pp. #-#. URL Note: When citing widely available work from an academic research database (the case with most databases), it is not necessary to include the database information. However, when citing a works from a database that publishes original or proprietary work, available only from that database, include the database name.	Borodina, S. (2021). Strategies of disability activism in soviet and post-soviet Russia. *Current History, 120*(828), 274-279. https://doi.org/10.1525/curh.2021.120.828.274 Note: If an article has more than 21 authors, include the first 19 authors, an ellipsis, and then the last author. Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D., Author, E. E., Author, F. F., . . . Last Author, I. I. (Year). Title of work. *Title of Journal, volume* number(issue number), #-#. URL
Specific Database (article where information is continually updated)	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Database*. Retrieved Month Day, Year from URL	Intrevado, P., Verter, V., & Tremblay, L. (2019, June 22). Patient-centric design of long-term care networks. *PubMed*. Retrieved September 30, 2021 from https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29845399/
Reference Work	**APA Format**	**Example**
Encyclopedia or Dictionary Entry	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year). Entry title. In A.A. Editor (Ed.), *Title of publication*. Publisher. URL. Note: The author may be a group author. The group author is typically the name of the organization who published the source.	Palmer, B., & Prado-Inzerillo, M. (2018). Nursing engagement. In J. J. Fitzpatrick (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of nursing research* (4th ed.). Springer Publishing Company.

No Date or Unknown Author	Note: When online reference is continuously updated and the versions are not archived use "n.d." as the year of publication and include a retrieval date.	Merriam-Webster. (n.d.) Nursing. *Merriam-Webster.com* dictionary. Retrieved September 29, 2021, from https://www.merriam – webster.com/dictionary/nursing Coyote. (2005). In K. Barber (Ed.). *The Canadian Oxford Dictionary* (2nd ed.). Oxford University. https://www.oxfordreference. com/ view/10.1093/acref/9780195418163.001.0001/m_en _ca0016135?rskey=4VprYR&result=1
Report by Government Agency	Group Author. (Year). *Title of Report*. Publisher. DOI or URL	National Cancer Institute. (2018). *Facing forward: Life after cancer treatment* (NIH Publication No. 18-2424). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. https://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/life-after-treatment.pdf
Web Sources	**APA Format**	**Example**
Webpage with an Individual Author	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year, Month Day). *Title of Webpage*. Title of Website. URL Note: If content may change over time (such as a wiki), include a retrieval date. If content will not change, you do not need to include the retrieval date.	Ross, K. H. (n.d.) *About*. Speak the Write Language. http://www. speakthewritelanguage.com/about
Webpage with a Group Author	Name of Group or Organization. (Year, Month Day). *Webpage title*. URL	American Heart Association. (2017, November 30). *The facts about high blood pressure*. https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/high-blood-pressure/the-facts-about-high-blood-pressure
Entire Website	Note: When citing an entire website (not specific pages/sections on the website), include the name of the website in the text with URL afterward in parentheses. It is not necessary to create an entry on the reference page.	Example for in-text reference: The CGC website provides information about resources, courses, and general information related to Chandler-Gilbert Community College. It also offers live support and has an area to search (https://www.cgc.edu/).
YouTube Video	Name of Uploader. (Year, Month Day) *Title of video* [Video]. Platform. URL	SEA. (2019, December 18). *The power of neutron stars* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7euiD_kZi4g

| Online Forum Post (e.g., Twitter, Instagram, Reddit, etc.) | Last name, First initial. Middle initial. [username]. (Year, Month Day). *Post*. Platform. URL

Note: Include up to the first 20 words of social media posts. Indicate audiovisuals in [square brackets] after the text. Do not correct misspellings and include hashtags, emojis and links. | Badlands National Park [@BadlandsNPS]. (2018, February 26). Biologists have identified more than 400 different plant species growing in @BadlandsNPS #DYK #biodiversity [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/Badlands/NPS/status/968196500412133379

[Ellycaitlyn]. (2017, June 28). *I want to know the best distance learning course can any one help on this* [Online forum post]. Educations. https://www.educations.com/forum/distance-learning-online-courses/best-distance-learning-course-63551 |

Other Source Types	APA Format	Example
Lecture or Address (unpublished paper/poster presentation)	Presenter Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year, Month Day). *Lecture title* [Format]. Platform@University or College Initials. URL	Lomeli, A. (2018, March 21). *Revision strategies* [PowerPoint slides]. Canvas@APU. https://home.apu.edu Note: If the presentation can be found in class website or learning management system and your audience has access to it, provide the name of the site and its URL.
Single Song or Track	Artist. (Year). Title of song [Description]. In *Title of album*. Label. Note: Include URL if the music is only found in one location, such as SoundCloud.	Beyoncé. (2016). Formation [Song]. On *Lemonade*. Parkwood; Columbia.
Film or Television	Director Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Director). (Date of Publication). *Title of motion picture* [Medium of motion picture]. Production Company. Note: Separate multiple production companies with a semicolon.	Spielberg, S. (Director). (1993). *Schindler's list* [Film]. Amblin Entertainment; Universal Pictures. Hunt, B. (Executive Producer). (2020-present). *Ted Lasso* [TV Series]. Ruby's Tuna; Universal Television; Doozer; Warner Bros. Television.
Film or Book Review	Reviewer's Last Name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year, Month Day). Title of review [Review of the book/film/DVD/article *Title of book*, by A. A. Author]. *Journal/Newspaper/Website Title, volume number*(issue number), pp. #-#. URL	Bazner, K. J. (2017). Student affairs assessment: Theory to practice by Gavin W. Henning and Darby Roberts (review) [Review of the book Student affairs assessment: Theory to practice, by G. W. Henning and D. Roberts]. *The Review of Higher Education, 40*(4), 617-619. https://muse.jhu.edu/article/662320

TED Talk	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year, Month Day). *Title of talk* [Video]. Platform. URL	TED. (2018, May 2). *How language shapes the way we think	Lera Boroditsky* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKK7wGAYP6k
Podcast Episode	Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Host). (Year, Month Day). Episode title [Audio podcast episode]. In *Podcast Title*. Publisher. URL	Glass, I. (Host). (2021, November 12). What we have here is a failure to communicate [Audio podcast episode]. In *This American Life*. Chicago Public Media. https://www.thisamericanlife.org/753/failure-to-communicate
Personal Communication (interview you conduct yourself, memos, email, phone conversations, private letters, etc.)	Do not include personal communications in your references page because this information is not "retrievable" by other researchers. Instead, cite them in the text as shown: (First initial. Middle initial. Last name, personal communication, Month Day, Year)	In-text Citation: (S. Lujan, personal communication, August 18, 2020)

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TED. (2018, May 2). *How language shapes the way we think | Lera Boroditsky* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKK7wGAYP6k