Columbia Southern University – Success Center
Webinar/Tutorial Series

A Guide to Citing and Referencing Non-Traditional Sources

Commonly Used Sources
OBJECTIVE

This webinar is designed to help you correctly cite and reference commonly used, non-traditional sources.
What if I am Referencing a Source That is Not Covered in my APA Guide?

Four main pieces of information should be in your reference.

Author  
Date  
Title  
Source
How to Reference a Blog Post


Note how the main four pieces of information are contained: Author, Date, Title, Retrieval Information
How to Cite a Blog Post In–Text

Only the Last Name of the Author is Listed

(Byrd, 2012)

Omit the Month and Day from the Date Only List the Year
How to Reference a Facebook Page


Specific URL of Webpage

Commonly Used Sources
How to Cite a Facebook Page

Username or Group Name

(Tutorkitties, n.d.)

When the Date is Unknown, use n.d. for “no date”
How to Reference a Twitter Post (Tweet)

List Author’s Name as it Appears on Post


Date

If Post is not Overly Long, List Complete Post as Title, Followed by Page Type in Brackets

Retrieval Information (URL)
How to Cite a Twitter Post (Tweet)

To Maintain Accuracy, use Name as it is Written in Post

(SonyaIngram, 2012)

Year of Post
How to Reference a YouTube Video

How to Cite a YouTube Video

Last Name of Person who Posted Video

(Gotschall, 2011)

Year
How to Reference a Recorded Song


**Writer**: Miller, M.
**Copyright Year**: 2012
**Title of Song**: Stop cribbin my work
**Title of Album**: Dank music for my peeps [MP3 file]
**Medium of Recording**: [MP3 file]
**Location**: Orange Beach, AL
**Label**: Success Music
How to Cite a Recorded Song

Songwriter

(Miller, 2012, track 7)

Citation Includes the Date and the Track Number
How to Reference an OSHA Document

Full Name: Occupational Safety & Health Administration [OSHA].
Acronym in Brackets: OSHA.
Date: (n.d.).
Title of Regulation or Page: Regulations (Standards–29 CFR).
How to Cite an OSHA Document

Full Name is Spelled Out in First Citation, With Acronym in Brackets

(Occupational Safety & Health Administration [OSHA], 2012)
(OSHA, 2012)

Subsequent Citations will use Only the Acronym
Variations on the Basic Template

If the Author is not Listed, you may try Looking at the Bottom of the Page, as the Business may have created the document


The copyright date at the bottom of the webpage may be used if no other date is given

If title is missing, a description of the document may be used inside square brackets

When listing the URL, remember to remove the hyperlink.
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