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Book with One Author (7.02)

Reference:

Ross, S. G. (2009). *The birth of feminism: Woman as intellect in Renaissance Italy and England*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

In-Text: (Ross, 2009)

Book with Two to Five Authors (6.12)

Reference:

Jones, D. M., & Smith, M. L. R. (2006). *ASEAN and East Asian international relations: Regional delusion*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

In-Text: (two authors): (Jones & Smith, 2006)

With 6 or more authors, use the abbreviation et al.
Ex: (Jones, et al., 2006)

Electronic Book from a Library Database (7.02.19)

Reference:

Pacek, N., & Thorniley, D. (2007). *Emerging markets: Lessons for business success and the outlook for different markets*. Retrieved from <http://common.books24x7.com>

In-text: (Pacek & Thorniley, 2007)

Electronic Book from an E-reader (Kindle, etc...)

Reference:

Gladwell, M. (2008). *Outliers: The story of success* [Kindle DX version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com
Brill, P. (2004). *The winner's way* [Adobe Digital Editions version]. doi:10.1036/007142363X

In-text:

(Brill, 2004) OR (Gladwell, 2008, Chapter 1, Section 2, para. 5).

If there are no page numbers, you can include a paragraph number or section heading.

Book Chapter (7.02.25)

Reference:

Roll, W. P. (1976). ESP and memory. In J.M.O. Wheatley & H.L. Edge (Eds.), *Philosophical dimensions of parapsychology* (pp. 154-184). Springfield, IL: American Psychiatric Press.

In-Text: (Roll, 1976)



Chapter author

Encyclopedia Article (7.02.27)

Reference:

Freeman, A., & Christner, R. (2005). Personality Disorders. In A. Freeman (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of cognitive behavior therapy* (pp. 280- 285). New York: Springer.


In-Text: (Freeman & Christner, 2005)

Journal Article with One Author in Print (7.01)

Reference:

Arbuthnott, K. D. (2009). The representational locus of spatial influence on backward inhibition. *Memory & Cognition*, 37, 552-558.

In-Text: (Arbuthnott, 2009)



Article title



Journal Title

Journal article read online with DOI (7.01.2)

Reference:

Gaudio, J. L., & Snowden, C. T. (2008). Spatial cues more salient than color cues in cotton-top tamarins (*Saguinus oedipus*) reversal learning. *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, 122, 441-444. doi: 10.1037/0735-7036.122.4.441

In-text: (Gaudio & Snowden, 2008)

Journal article read online without DOI (7.01.3)

Reference:

Carter, S., & Dunbar-Odom, D. (2009). The converging literacies center: An integrated model for writing programs. *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy*, 14(1). Retrieved from <http://kairos.technorhetoric.net/>

In-text: (Carter & Dunbar-Odom, 2009)

Journal Article Two or More Authors in Print (7.01)

Reference:

Smith, R. C., & Jones, L. (1991). The phenology of mesotrophic grassland in the Pennine Dales,

Northern England: Historic hay cutting dates, vegetation variation and plant species phenologies.
Journal of Applied Ecology, 28, 42-59.

In-Text (two authors): (Smith & Jones, 1991)

In-Text (three to five authors): (Smith, Jones, Adams, & Rock, 1994)

List all of the authors in the first citation, then use "et al." for subsequent citations:
(Smith et al., 1994)

Magazine Article with One Author in Print (7.01.7)

Reference:

Gibbs. N. (2009, November 30). Can these parents be saved? *Time*, 174(15), 55.

In-Text: (Gibbs, 2009)

Magazine Article with No Author in Print (6.15)

Reference:

Dashboard. (2007, June 11). *Time*, 169(24), 20.

In-Text: ("Dashboard," 2007)

If the article does not have a DOI, list the homepage for the magazine.

Magazine article read through an online database (7.01.8)

Reference:

Park, A. (2009, September 14). A shot at cancer. *Time*, 174(10), 32-39. Retrieved from www.time.com

In-text: (Park, 2009)

Newspaper Article in Print (7.01.10)

Reference:

Simm, R., & Hagerty, J. R. (2009, November 24). 1 in 4 borrowers under water. *The Wall Street Journal*, pp. A1, A4.

In-text: (Simm & Hagerty, 2009)

Months are not abbreviated.

Newspaper Article Electronic (7.01.11)

Reference:

Chang, K. (2009, November 23). White House begins campaign to promote science and math education. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

In-text: (Chang, 2009)

Give the URL of the home page to avoid nonworking URLs and URL rot.

Newspaper Article with No Author (7.01.9)

Reference:

U.S. Watch. (2010, December 31). *The Wall Street Journal*, p. A5.

In-Text: ("U.S. Watch," 2010)

Dissertations 7.05

Reference:

Mulligan, T. P. (2009). *The relationship of music preference and music function with coping in university students*. (Doctoral Dissertation). Retrieved from Proquest Dissertations and Theses database. (UMI No. 1876301581)

In-Text: (Mulligan, 2009)

If it is a print dissertation, include the University name.

Educational Resources Information Center Report (ERIC) from ERIC.ed.gov

Reference:

Gallup Rodriguez, A. (2009). Teaching grammar to adult English language learners: Focus on form. *CAELA Network Brief Center for Adult English Language Acquisition*; Retrieved from ERIC database. (ED505388).

In-Text: (Gallup Rodriguez, 2009)

Provide a retrieval date for references when the content changes over time, such as for nonarchived social media

Websites

Reference:

MIT Comparative Media Studies. (2009). *Research initiatives*. Retrieved from <http://cms.mit.edu>

In-Text: ("Research Initiatives," 2009)

Tips for formatting the Reference list (6.22 – 6.26)

1. Start your References list on a new page at the end of the research paper.
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7. Capitalize the first word of the title and subtitle as well as any proper nouns.
8. Include the DOI when available.

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