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COMMON REFERENCES IN APA STYLE

APA in-text citations pair author last names with years of publication (Walker, 2019), to enable readers to match that source to an alphabetized reference list. Each source cited in-text must appear in the reference list. Cite all material that you quote, paraphrase, or summarize. Direct quotations must include page numbers: (Walker, 2019, p. 30). For guidance, refer to the *APA Publication Manual*, Sections 8-9. Here are some example APA citations of frequently used source types:

JOURNAL ARTICLE IN PRINT

Daly, L. M. (2020). Resilience: An integrated review. *Nursing Science Quarterly*, 33(4), 330–338.

- Parenthetical citation: (Daly, 2020)
- Narrative citation: Daly (2020) reviewed resilience research, and found...

JOURNAL ARTICLE WITH DOI

Hamer, K., Stamatakis E., & Steptoe, A. (2009). Dose-response relationship between physical activity and mental health: The Scottish Health Survey. *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, 43(14), 1111-4. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bjism.2008.046243>

- Parenthetical citation: (Hamer et al., 2009)
- Narrative citation: Hamer et al. (2009) documented the...

JOURNAL ARTICLE WITH URL

Parsons, E. (1918). Nativity myth at Laguna and Zuni. *Journal of American Folklore*, 31(120), 256-263. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/534877>

- Parenthetical citation: (Parsons, 1918)
- Narrative citation: Elsie Clews Parson documented Zuni nativity myths in 1918...

PubMed JOURNAL ARTICLE

Liu, G., Lin, Q., Jin, S., & Gao, C. (2022). The CRISPR-Cas toolbox and gene editing technologies. *Molecular Cell*, 82(2), 333–347. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.molcel.2021.12.002>

- Parenthetical citation: (Liu et al., 2022)
- Narrative citation: Liu et al. (2022) surveyed current CRISPR-Cas gene editing...

BOOK WITH ONE AUTHOR (PRINT)

Pollan, M. (2006). *Omnivore's dilemma: A natural history of four meals*. The Penguin Press.

- Parenthetical citation: (Pollan, 2006)
- Narrative citation: (Pollan, 2006, p. 1) describes “our national eating disorder”

E-BOOK FROM A DATABASE

Nestle, M. (2013). *Food politics: How the food industry influences nutrition and health*. University of California Press. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/j.ctt7zw29z>

- Parenthetical citation: (Nestle, 2013)
- Narrative citation: Marion Nestle (2013) described the “pay for play” trend in...

BOOK WITH MORE THAN ONE AUTHOR

Woodward, B. & Bernstein, C. (1974). *All the president's men*. Simon and Schuster.

- Parenthetical citation: (Woodward & Bernstein, 1974)
- Narrative citation: In 1974, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein published ...

CHAPTER IN AN EDITED BOOK

Haworth, H. (2019). The fading stars: a constellation. In Jaime Greenring, (Ed.), *Best American science and nature writing 2019*. Mariner/Houghton Mifflin Publishing.

- Parenthetical citation: (Haworth, 2019)
- Narrative citation: Holly Haworth's 2019 essay on constellations pointed the

ONLINE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Twenge, J. (2017, September). Have smartphones destroyed a generation? *The Atlantic*. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2017/09/has-the-smartphone-destroyed-a-generation/534198>

- Parenthetical citation: (Twenge, 2017)
- Narrative citation: Jean M. Twenge (2017) analyzed social effects of smartphones ...

WEB PAGE

World Health Organization. (2012). *Preliminary dose-estimation from the nuclear accident after the 2011 Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami*. World Health Organization. http://www.who.int/ionizing_radiation/pub_meet/fukushima_dose-assessment/en/indexhtml

- Parenthetical citation: (World Health Organization[WHO], 2012)
- Narrative citation: The World Health Organization (2012) set the precedent for standards...

WEB PAGE WITH RETRIEVAL DATE (unstable url)

Centers for Disease Control. (2022, March 9). Self-testing at home or anywhere. Retrieved on June 10, 2022, from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html>

- Parenthetical citation: (Centers for Disease Control, 2022)
- Narrative citation: In March 2022 the CDC issued guidance on home testing for

ARTICLE ON A NEWS WEBSITE

Gotbrath, L. (2022, March 23). What counts as a war crime and why they are so hard to prosecute. *Axios*. <https://www.axios.com/2022/03/22/russia-putin-war-crimes-icc-ukraine>

- Parenthetical citation: (Gotbrath, 2022)
- Narrative citation: War crimes, Gotbrath (2022) maintains, are not always

ONLINE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Blow, C. (2022). America's 'psychic numbing' to gun violence. *The New York Times*.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/08/opinion/numbing-gun-violence.html>

- Parenthetical citation: (Blow, 2022)
- Narrative citation: Charles Blow (2022) notes that as we become desensitized to

ONLINE DICTIONARY OR ENCYCLOPEDIA

Merriam Webster. (n.d.). Trauma. In *Merriam-Webster.com dictionary*. Retrieved June 13, 2022, from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trauma>

- Parenthetical citation: (Merriam-Webster, n.d.)
- Narrative citation: The current *Merriam-Webster* definition of "trauma" includes...

AGENCY- OR GROUP-AUTHORED REPORT/BOOK

UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme. (2022). *The United Nations world water development report 2022: groundwater: making the invisible visible*.
<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000380721>

- Parenthetical citation: (UNESCO, 2022).
- Narrative citation: UNESCO (2022) issued a global meta-analysis of groundwater

FILM OR VIDEO

Orlowsky-Yang, J. (2020). *The social dilemma* [Film]. Exposure Labs.

- Parenthetical citation: (Orlowsky-Yang, 2020)
- Narrative citation: In his 2020 documentary, Orlowsky-Yang analyzed social...

BLOG POST

Trotter, J. (April 3, 2018). Why West Virginia could have college football's top offense in 2018. *Big 12 Blog*. <https://www.espn.com/blog/big12>

- Parenthetical citation: (Trotter, 2018)
- Narrative citation: Jake Trotter (2018) filed an analysis of West Virginia's...

YOUTUBE or other STREAMING VIDEO

United Nations. (2021, April 21). Climate change for kids [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkvPdUtYhX8>

- Parenthetical citation: (United Nations, 2021)
- Narrative citation: the UN clarified its position in its 2021 film for children...

SONG OR TRACK ON AN ALBUM

Anderson, L. (1981). O superman [Song]. On *Big science*. Warner Bros. Records.

- Parenthetical citation: (Anderson, 1982)
- Narrative citation: Laurie Anderson's *O Superman* (1981) captured the decade's

PODCAST EPISODE

Winfrey, O. (Host). (Sept. 16, 2020) *Beyonce*. (No. 290) [Audio podcast episode]. In *Oprah's Super Soul*. Harpo Productions. <https://super-soul.simplecast.com/episodes/beyonce-JxZiHEvg>

- Parenthetical citation: (Winfrey, 2020)
- Narrative citation: In a 2020 podcast hosted by Oprah Winfrey,

TED TALK/WEBINAR

Gates, B. (Host). (2022). We can make COVID the last pandemic [Video]. TED Conferences.

https://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_we_can_make_covid_19_the_last_pandemic

- Parenthetical citation: (Gates, 2022)
- Narrative citation: Bill Gates (2022) proposed to end the current pandemic by...

RADIO BROADCAST

Nelson, D., & Silva, N. (2018, September 26). The keepers of the underground: the hip-hop archive at Harvard [radio broadcast]. NPR.

<https://www.npr.org/people/5252035/the-kitchen-sisters>

- Parenthetical citation: (Nelson & Silva, 2018)
- Narrative citation: Nelson and Silva (2018) devoted a radio broadcast to...

POWERPOINT FROM A CLASS WEBSITE

Sanders, C. (2021). Modernization and its discontents: Europe in 1789. [PowerPoint slides]. <https://tcu.brightspace.com/d2l/home>

- Parenthetical citation: (Sanders, 2021)
- Narrative citation: Sanders (2021) made the case that modernization

FEDERAL STATUTE

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, pub L. no. 111-2, 123 Stat. 5 (2009).

- Parenthetical citation: (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, 2009)
- Narrative citation: With the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009,

SUPREME COURT DECISION

Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/1940-1955/347us483>

- Parenthetical citation: (*Brown v. Board of Education*, 1954)
- Narrative citation: *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) was a pivotal moment...



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