APA References: Unconventional Sources
(APA 7)

APA citation style is typically used in social science fields. These include psychology, sociology, education, and communication.

General Format

- Begin your references page on a new page at the end of your paper.

- The title of your references page should be References. Do not bold, underline, italicize, put in quotes, or increase the font size. The title should be centered.

- Use the same margins and header as the rest of your paper.

- Double-space the entire works cited page. Do not skip an extra space between citations.

- Left-align all citations. Indent every line after the first of each citation by a half-inch to create a hanging indent.

- Arrange your citations in alphabetical order by author last name (or the first word of the citation if the author's name is unknown).

- Most words in the title of your source will be lowercase. Only capitalize the first word of the title, the first word after a colon or dash and proper nouns.

Unconventional Sources

Online Discussion Forum:

> Feifoo213. (2023, September 21). UMD professor to co-lead project to diversify math departments at universities [Online forum post]. Reddit. https://www.reddit.com/r/education/comments/16oetlv/umd_professor_to_colead_project_to_diversify_math/

Tweet:

> @___TEAM_USA. (2023, September 21). *NEW: Trump is vowing to close the Department of Education if reelected. Do you support this?* [Tweet; image attached]. X. https://twitter.com/___TEAM_USA/status/1704945506651173225

Twitter Profile:

> U.S. Department of Education [@usedgov]. (n.d.). *Tweets* [X, formerly known as Twitter, profile]. Retrieved September 9, 2023, from https://twitter.com/usedgov

Facebook Post:

> Smile Foundation. (2023, August 15). *"I know that education can help me achieve what I want in life. My dad has a small business and* [Image attached] [Facebook post]. Facebook. https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0H9bK9yen2TPLpHiqWCb7YYQH7NJuzWSKAy5bqcTE9JHk6quZqHwbo7iJcXSZDwYUl&id=100064234553203&eav=AfYN-

fEwYEFeJ_XK_MmdWGInUXbiQwtbHAEa5IFtHEDqnfOPqTzmE2S61rv

pI9ziFBw&paipv=0

Facebook Page:

U.S. Department of Education. (n.d.). *Home* [Facebook page]. Facebook.

Retrieved September 22, 2023 from

https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064362236684

Instagram Photo or Video:

UMW Theatre [@umwtheatre]. (2023, September 20). *Can you believe*

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS opens tomorrow?! 🥳 *Final*

touches on the set and costumes are underway [Photograph]. Instagram.

https://www.instagram.com/p/Cxa2ZiCsjeO/?hl=en

Blog Post:

Peterson, R. (2023, August 18). Five small ways to contemplate creativity in the

classroom. *PBS.* https://www.pbs.org/education/blog/five-small-ways-to-

cultivate-creativity-in-the-classroom

YouTube or Other Streaming Video:

Greene, R. [@RobertGreeneOfficial]. (2023, January 11). *Understanding Human*

Behavior [Video]. YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjKJRa1369s

Speaking and Writing Center [14]: Because a whole page will never have a specific date, you will always use the n.d. abbreviation when citing an entire page.

Speaking and Writing Center [15]: Note that when citing an entire Facebook page, the title of the page here will always be "Home."

Speaking and Writing Center [16]: Because pages don't have a specific date associated with them, it's necessary to include the retrieval date. The retrieval date is formatted in month date, year format.

Speaking and Writing Center [17]: Here you should include the content of the post up to the first 20 words. You should do your best to replicate emojis if possible.

Speaking and Writing Center [18]: Here, you should indicate whether the post was a photo or video.

Speaking and Writing Center [19]: Note that a blog post follows a slightly different format than a standard website article.

Speaking and Writing Center[20]: Note that the title of the post is in plain text and the publisher is italicized (this is the opposite of how typical web articles are formatted).

Speaking and Writing Center [21]: Here, the poster's real name is known, so it is listed first and the username is in brackets. If the real name of the poster is unknown, omit the name and list the username without brackets (see "Tweet" for an example)

Speaking and Writing Center [22]: Note that to see the exact date of publication for a video on YouTube, you need to hover over where it says "... months ago" or "... years ago."

Speaking and Writing Center [23]: Note that the title of the video should be italicized. No punctuation should come before the brackets.

TEDtalk:

Pierson, R. (2013, May). *Every kid needs a champion* [Video]. TED.

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

Podcast Episode:

Mills, K. (Host). (2021, October). ADHD among children and adults, with

Margaret Sibley, PhD (No. 161) [Audio podcast episode]. In *Speaking of*

Psychology. American Psychological Association.

https://www.apa.org/news/podcasts/speaking-of-psychology/children-

adults-adhd

Film or Video:

Lowman, S. (Director). (2017). *Teach us all* [Film]. Lowell Milken Center for

Unsung Heroes.

TV Series:

Skoll, J. & Wyermann, D. (Executive Producers). (2018). *America to Me* [TV

Series]. Participant Media; Kartemquin Films; Ro*Co Films.

TV Series Episode:

James, S. (Director). (2018). What's the big deal about Oak Park? (Episode 1) [TV

series episode]. In Skoll, J. & Wyermann, D. (Executive Producers),

America to Me. Participant Media; Kartemquin Films; Ro*Co Films.

Music Album:

Swift, T. (2020). *Evermore* [Album]. Republic Records.

Single Song or Track:

Swift, T. (2020). No body, no crime [Song]. On *Evermore* [Album]. Republic

Records.

Artwork in a Museum or on a Museum Website:

Gentileschi, A. (1620). Judith beheading Holofernes [Painting]. Le Gallerie Degli

Uffizi, Florence, Italy. https://www.uffizi.it/en/artworks/judith-

beheading-holofernes

Photograph (Not Associated with a Museum):

Faircloth, R. (2014). *Ninth grade students are seen in a segregated classroom in*

Summerton, S.C., in 1954 [Photograph]. Frontline.

https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/the-return-of-school-

segregation-in-eight-charts/

Presentation at a Conference or Symposium:

Milu, E. (2023, March 4). *A transnational Black language pedagogy for all*

students [Keynote address]. The Global Writing Center, Bryn Mawr

College, Bryn Mawr, PA, United States.

Conference Proceedings:

Messmick, D. M., & Kramer, R. M. (Eds.). (2004). *The psychology of leadership:*

New perspectives and research. Taylor and Francis Group.