

APA Style – References

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Book

Author's Name. (Year of publication). *Title of book* (Edition). Publisher. DOI or URL

Examples

Murray, S. (2019). *Foundations of maternal-newborn and women's health nursing* (7th ed.). Elsevier.

Parnell, K., Stanton, N., & Plant, K. (Eds.) (2018). *Driver distraction: A sociotechnical systems approach*. CRC Press. <https://doi.org/10.1201/9780429466809>

Chapter in a book, encyclopedia article, or dictionary entry

Author's Name. (Year of publication). Title of chapter/article. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Name of book/encyclopedia* (Edition number, Volume number, pages). Publisher. DOI or URL

Examples

Bagley, E. (2012). Blossom. In E. Bagley & J. Hilley (Eds.), *Desert rose: The life and legacy of Coretta Scott King* (2nd ed., pp. 15-50). University of Alabama Press.

Chambers, D. (2019). Africa. In T. R. Zolnikov (Ed.), *Global adaptation and resilience to climate change* (3rd ed., pp. 11-29). Palgrave Macmillan. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-01213-7>

Journal article

Author's Name. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number(issue number), pages. DOI or URL

Examples

Bugeja, A., & Clark, E. G. (2017). Living kidney donation. *CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 189(32), E1041. <https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.170304>

Lerner, R. M. (2019). Character development: Four facets of virtues. *Child Development Perspectives*, 13(2), 79-84. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdep.12315>

Newspaper article

Author's Name. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Name of Newspaper*, pages. URL

Examples

Copeland, E. (2019, December 20). Hot jobs for the start of a new decade. *Lansing State Journal*. <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/2019/12/20/hot-jobs-start-new-decade/40856161/>

Roberts, S. (2020, March 17). The marvel in a bird's nest. *The New York Times*.

Magazine article

Author's Name. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, volume number(issue number), pages. URL

Examples

Karlis-Shananaquet, J. (2018, January-February). Agatha Biddle: Trader, wife, and Anishinaabe chief. *Michigan History Magazine*, 102(1), 31-32.

Kluger, J. (2020, April 21). How people across the U.S. celebrated the first Earth Day. *Time*. <https://time.com/5824343/first-earth-day/>

Page or document from a website

Author's Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of page or document*. Website Name. URL

Examples

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2019, October 17). *Culture & health literacy*. Health Literacy. <https://www.cdc.gov/healthliteracy/culture.html>

Veith, E. (n.d.). *Eight easy recipes to make*. Spoon University. <https://spoonuniversity.com/lifestyle/8-easy-recipes-to-make-with-things-you-probably-have-at-home>

