

APA Citation Rules for References

Author Rules:

1. Initials are separated and ended by a period eg Mitchell, J.A
2. Multiple authors are separated by commas and an ampersand eg Mitchell, J.A., Thomson, M., & Coyne, R
3. Multiple authors with the same surname and initial: add their name in square brackets eg Mendeley, J. [James].

Date Rules:

1. Date refers to date of publishing
2. If the date is unknown 'n.d' is used in its place eg Mendeley, J.A. (n.d)

Title Rules:

1. The format of this changes depending on what is being referenced.

Author's surname, initial(s). (Date Published). Title of source. Location of publisher: publisher. Retrieved from URL

Publisher Rules:

1. If in the US: the city and two letter state code must be stated eg San Francisco, CA
2. If not in the US: the city and country must be stated eg Sydney, Australia

This is used if the source is an online source.

MLA Citation Rules for References

Author Rules:

1. The name is inverted: surname first then all other names followed by a comma eg Mitchell, James A.
2. No author: use either the organization responsible for the title of the source
3. 2 authors: List the first author inverted and the second author normally eg Mitchell, James A., and Martha Thomson
4. 3+ authors: use the first author's name inverted followed by 'et al' eg Mitchell, James A., et al
5. Pseudonyms and online usernames are allowed
6. Editors and translators are added here but their name is followed by 'editor' or 'translator'

Source Title Rules

1. It is italicised for a whole book title
2. It is put in quotation marks if the source is part of a bigger item eg an article
3. If the source is untitled, give a general description (not italicised or in quotes)

Contributor Rules:

1. Use the most relevant contributors to your work
2. Precede the name with the role eg directed by James Mendeley,

Title of Container Rule:

1. This is italicised
2. There can be multiple containers

Author name(s). *Title of the source*. *Title of container*, other contributors, version, numbers, publisher, publication date, location.

Publisher Rules:

1. If multiple publishers, separate them with a /

Version Rules:

1. Version, edition or revisions
2. All lower case

Numbers Rules:

1. This refers to works in a sequence eg issues, volumes, tv seasons and episodes

Publication Date Rules:

1. The contents of this vary with source type
2. If there multiple publication dates, cite the one you used
3. It is possible to site a date range when appropriate

Location Rules:

1. This refers to different things in different cases:
 - a. Print: page number
 - b. Online: URL
 - c. DVD: disk number
 - d. Object: place it is help
 - e. Performance: city/venue