

ASA Style Citations (American Sociological Society)

This guide provides basic guidelines and examples for citing sources using the *American Sociological Association Style Guide*, 6th edition, 2019.

ASA style requires that sources receive attribution in the text by the use of parenthetical in-text references. General guidelines for in-text references are on page 4 of this guide, along with other rules related to paper format and the “References” list.

Book: One Author	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Pub. <i>Title</i>. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Welch, Kathleen E. 1999. <i>Electric Rhetoric: Classical Rhetoric, Oralism, and a New Literacy</i>. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.</p>
Book: Two or More Authors	<p>Format: Author Last, First and Author First Last. Year of Pub. <i>Title</i>. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher.</p> <p>[Note on location of publisher: In the publisher’s location information, state abbreviations are not included when (1) the city’s location is very well known, as in Chicago or Los Angeles or (2) when the state is part of the publisher’s name, as in the university press examples below.]</p> <p>Sample Citations: Lunsford, Andrea and Lisa Ede. 1990. <i>Singular Texts/Plural Authors: Perspectives on Collaborative Writing</i>. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press.</p> <p>Patten, Michael A., Guy McCaskie, and Philip Unitt. 2003. <i>Birds of the Salton Sea: Status, Biogeography, and Ecology</i>. Berkeley: University of California Press.</p>
Electronic Book	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Pub. <i>Title</i>. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher. Permanent URL or format of access.</p> <p>[Note: Permanent URLs or “permalinks” should be included for books from online databases, EPUBs, or books available on the internet. If an ebook is specific to your device (an e-reader for example), the type of device will be sufficient. The sample offered below is an example of a permalink from a library database.]</p> <p>Sample Citation: Welch, Kathleen E. 1999. <i>Electric Rhetoric: Classical Rhetoric, Oralism and a New Literacy</i>. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. http://libproxy.trinity.edu:80/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip.cookie.uid&db=nlebk&AN=93528&site=eds-live&eby=EB&ppid=pp.</p>

<p>Chapter in a Book</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Pub. "Title of Chapter/Article." Pp. inclusive page numbers in <i>Title</i>, edited by First Initial. Middle Initial. Last Name. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Wells, Ida B. 1995. "Lynch Law in All Its Phases." Pp. 80-99 in <i>With Pen and Voice: A Critical Anthology of Nineteenth-Century African-American Women</i>, edited by S. W. Logan. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press.</p>
<p>Multi-Volume Works</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Pub. <i>Title of Series</i>. Vol. #, <i>Title of Volume</i>. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Gulla, Bob. 2006. <i>Greenwood Encyclopedia of the History of Rock</i>. Vol. 6, <i>The Grunge and Post-Grunge Years, 1991-2005</i>. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.</p>
<p>Journal Article: Print</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Pub. "Title." <i>Journal Name</i> volume #(issue #): inclusive page numbers.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Haraway, Donna J. 1994. "A Game of Cat's Cradle: Science Studies, Feminist Theory, Cultural Studies." <i>Configurations</i> 2(1): 59-71.</p>
<p>Journal Article: Online</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." <i>Journal Name</i> volume #(issue #): inclusive page numbers if available. Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.</p> <p>Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." <i>Journal Name</i> volume #(issue #): inclusive page numbers if available. doi:number.</p> <p>[Note on DOI numbers: If a DOI number is available, it is preferable to include this as opposed to the URL. Note on access dates: the dates a source was accessed are only necessary when there is no publication date available or when the source is regularly edited over time, as in a Wikipedia article.]</p> <p>Sample Citation: Jobe, Karen D. 2000. "Women and the Language of Hackerdom: The Gendered Nature of Hacker Jargon." <i>Kairos</i> 5(2). http://english.ttu.edu/kairos/5.2/binder.html?coverbweb/jobewomen&hackerdom.htm.</p> <p>Borges, Cruz E. and Luis M. Pardo. 2008. "On the Probability Distribution of Data at Points in Real Complete Intersection Varieties." <i>Journal of Complexity</i> 24(4): 492-523. doi:10.1016/j.jco.2008.01.001.</p>
<p>Magazine Article: Print</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Pub. "Title." <i>Magazine Name</i>, Month Year, pp. inclusive page numbers.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Swartz, Mimi. 2002. "An Enron Yard Sale." <i>New Yorker</i>, May 2002, pp. 50-52.</p>

<p>Magazine Article: Online</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." <i>Magazine Name</i>, Month Day. URL.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Leonard, Andrew. 2005. "Embracing the Dark Side of the Brand." <i>Salon</i>, May 18. http://www.salon.com/mwt/feature/2005/05/18/star_wars_lego/index_np.html.</p>
<p>Newspaper Article: Available in Print or Online</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." <i>Newspaper Name</i>, Month Day of Publication, p. or pp. inclusive page numbers.</p> <p>Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." <i>Newspaper Name</i>, Month Day of Publication. URL.</p> <p>[Note on Pagination: Page numbers are not required for articles published in an online version of a printed newspaper. If newspapers are paginated consecutively from front to back, the page number alone is sufficient. If the newspaper is paginated in sections, the section letter and page number should both be included in the citation. If a newspaper article begins on one page and ends on another page, both pages should be listed separated by commas (i.e., pp. A2, A12).]</p> <p>Sample Citation: Lewin, Tamar. 2005. "SAT Essay Scores are in, but will they be used?" <i>The New York Times</i>, May 15, p. A22.</p> <p>Lewin, Tamar. 2005. "SAT Essay Scores are in, but will they be used?" <i>The New York Times</i>, May 15, p. A22. http://nyt.com/SATscores/2005.html.</p>
<p>Multi-Page Internet Site: Site as a Whole</p>	<p>Format: Corporate Author Name or Last Name, First of Author. Date of Pub. "Title." Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.</p> <p>[Note on access dates: only necessary when no date of publication is available. In such cases, the abbreviation "n.d." would take the place of the year in the citation. See second example.]</p> <p>Sample Citation: Bird Studies Canada. 2004. "Avibase: The World Bird Database." http://www.bsc-eoc.org/avibase/avibase.jsp?pg=home&lang=EN).</p> <p>Smith, Skylar. n.d. "Birds of Southern Croatia." Accessed January 12, 2010. https://www.birdsanctuary.org/Smith/croatia.</p>
<p>Report Published Online</p>	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Date of Pub. <i>Title of Report</i>. Sponsoring Organization (if any). Location of Sponsoring Organization: Publisher. URL.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Snyder, Howard. 2012. <i>Arrest in the United States, 1990-2010</i>. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/aus9010.pdf.</p>

In-Text Citation Guidelines

If the author's name is mentioned in the text, use a parenthetical reference to show the year of publication at the end of the sentence. Example:

...Welch contends that this is not the case (1991).

If the author's name is not mentioned in the text, it should be included along with the year of publication within parentheses. Example:

...but it has been argued that this was not the case (Welch 1991).

Page numbers should be included within parentheses after the year of publication. These are separated by a colon and no spaces. Example:

...but it has been argued that this was not the case (Welch 1991:136).

The following forms should be used for **multiple authors**:

A recent study confirmed her belief (Johnson and Smith 1995:34).

This was reinforced by recent research on the topic (Johnson, Smith, and Marcus 1999)

In the final example where three authors are cited in the first parenthetical citation in the text, any following citations to this work of three authors may be abbreviated to (Johnson et al. 1999).

If a text has **more than three authors**, the term "et al." with no additional punctuation marks may be used after the first author listed in the publication credits.

This was not accurate according to a recent study (Johnson et al. 2003).

If a text has a **corporate or institutional author**, the standard abbreviation for the name may be substituted for the full name in the parenthetical citation. In this case, the abbreviation should begin the citation the list of References, followed by the full name and parentheses.

The citation guidelines gave provisions for abbreviating institutional names (ASA 2019).

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If **multiple sources are cited for the same statement**, the author and publication year should be distinguished from other texts with a semi-colon. Cited texts should be arranged by author name or by date; arrangement should be consistent throughout the paper. Example:

Some studies have refuted these arguments (Benson 1993; Nguyen 1999; Brown and Goggans 2000).

For additional information on in-text citation using the ASA style, see the *American Sociological Association Style Guide*, 6th edition, pp. 53-55.