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CITING BOOKS  [More information is available in the Manual: pp. 202-5*]
Formula:
Author, A. A. (Date of Publication). Title of book. Location: Publisher.

Example:

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Author, A. A. (Year of Publication). Title of article. Title of Journal, volume, page numbers. doi

Examples:


• Include the digital object identifier (DOI) if it is available.
• There is no period after the DOI.
• If there is no DOI and you retrieved it online, include the home page address of the journal by using the sentence: Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxx
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Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Article title. Newspaper Title, pp. X, XX.

Example:

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3. Capitalize only the first word of the title and of the subtitle, if any, and any proper nouns. Do not
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4. Use (n.d.). when a source does not have a date.
5. Do not add a hyphen to a URL if it is longer than one line: break it before most punctuation.


Example B: Entry in an Online Reference Work, No Author or Editor [p. 205*]
webster.com/dictionary/stochastic

Example C: Online Government Report [p. 205*]
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration, Center for Mental Health Services. (2007). Promotion and prevention in
mental health: Strengthening parenting and enhancing child resilience (DHHS Publication
No. CMHS-SVP-0186). Retrieved from http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/SVP-
0186.pdf

Example D: Online Newspaper Article [pp. 200-1*]
http://www.nytimes.com

Example E: Podcast [p. 210*]
http://www.shrinkrapradio.com/

Example F: Posting to a Listserv [p. 215*]
Retrieved from http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForensicNetwork/message/670

Example G: Web Page with No Author [From: http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/index.aspx]
/health/story_13178.asp