

APA Reference Guide: Uncommon Print Sources

Entry in a Dictionary, Thesaurus, or Encyclopedia (Group Author)

Format:

Institution or organization. (Year). Title of entry. In Title of reference work (edition, page numbers). Publisher.

Example:

Merriam-Webster, Incorporated. (1997). Goat. In Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary (10th ed., pp. 499–500). Merriam-Webster, Incorporated.

Entry in a Dictionary, Thesaurus, or Encyclopedia (Individual Author)

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of entry. In E. Editor (Ed.), Title of reference work (edition, page numbers). Publisher.

Example:

Tatum, S. R. (2009). Spirituality and religion in hip hop literature and culture. In T. L. Stanley (Ed.), Encyclopedia of hip hop literature (pp. 250–252). Greenwood.

Work Discussed in a Secondary Source

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. Journal Name, volume(issue), pages.

Example:

Nail, T. (2017). What is an assemblage? SubStance, 46(1), 21–37.

Note: Cite the secondary source in the reference list. In-text, cite the original work followed by “as cited in” and the secondary source.

Dissertation Abstract

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of dissertation. Dissertation Abstracts International, volume, page.

Example:

Angeli, E. L. (2012). Networks of communication in emergency medical services. Dissertation Abstracts International, 74, 03(E).

Dissertation or Master's Thesis, Published

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of dissertation/thesis (Publication No.) [Doctoral dissertation/Master's thesis, Institution]. Database or Archive.

Example:

Angeli, E. L. (2012). Networks of communication in emergency medical services (Publication No. 3544643) [Doctoral dissertation, Purdue University]. ProQuest Dissertations Publishing.

Dissertation or Master's Thesis, Unpublished

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of dissertation/thesis [Unpublished doctoral dissertation/master's thesis]. Institution.

Example:

Samson, J. M. (2016). Human trafficking and globalization [Unpublished doctoral dissertation]. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Federal or State Statute

Format:

Name of Act, Public Law No. (Year). URL

Example:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Publ. L. No. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119 (2010).

Report by a Government Agency or Organization

Format:

Organization. (Year). Title of report. URL

Example:

United States Government Accountability Office. (2019). Performance and accountability report: Fiscal year 2019.

Report by Individual Authors (Government or Organization)

Format:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of report. Organization.

Example:

Palanker, D., Volk, J., Lucia, K., & Thomas, K. (2018). Mental health parity at risk: Deregulating the individual market and the impact on mental health coverage. National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Conference Proceedings

Format:

Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (Year). Title of proceedings. Publisher.

Example:

Huang, S., Pierce, R., & Stamey, J. (Eds.). (2006). Proceedings of the 24th annual ACM international conference on the design of communication. ACM Digital Library.