APA Citation Basics

Basic building blocks of a citation

Red = Author/editor/organization. Who wrote/created it?

Green = Date. When did they write/create it?

Purple = Title. What’s it called?

Orange = Journal/magazine/newspaper/publisher. Who published it? Which issue/pages (if needed)?

Blue = Location. Where is it?

Examples of Different Types of Citations

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Website with no author


Website with no date


Website with group or organization as author


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Journal article, two authors

Author1, T., & Author2, T. (2018). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, VolumeNumber(issuenumber), pages. DOI

Journal article, three authors, no DOI


Journal article, eight or more authors

Author1, T., Author2, T., Author3, T., Author4, T. Author5, T., Author6, T., ... Author8, T. (2018). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, VolumeNumber(issuenumber), pages. DOI

Magazine article


Newspaper article


Book, authored


Book, edited


Government report