APA Style: Websites & Online Sources

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Basic Format

Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year). Title of document. Retrieved month day, year, from website URL

Format for a Webpage with no author: begin with title of document


Page within an organization, company, or government Website (corporate author)


U.S. Government Report

Online Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

When listing the URL, give only the home or index root as opposed to the direct URL for the entry.


Essay from Opposing Viewpoints

Author of Essay. (Year). Essay title. In editor name(s) (Ed(s.)), Title of book.

City, State: Publisher. Retrieved from Name of Database.


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