

# The Purdue OWL: **Citation** Chart Simplified

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| Category                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | MLA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | APA                                                                                                                                                           | CMOS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| General Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-used most in humanities courses</li> <li>-emphasis on authorship</li> <li>-“Works Cited”</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-used most in social sciences courses</li> <li>-emphasis on date work was created</li> <li>-“References”</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-used most in history, English &amp; art</li> <li>-uses two systems; NB is notes &amp; bibliography system (shown in this chart); AD is author-date</li> <li>-emphasis on source origins; footnotes &amp; endnotes used</li> <li>-“Bibliography” (NB style)</li> <li>-“References” (AD style)</li> </ul> |
| <p>Note: Occasionally truncated entries are given simply to focus on the differences between citations for each type of material. Ellipses (...) indicate which entries would normally continue according to the basic principles of each style.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>citing BOOKS</b><br>general info                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-author name</li> <li>-work title</li> <li>-publisher</li> <li>-year published</li> <li>-provide publication city if the book was published before 1900 or there are two versions of a book (i.e. British &amp; US edition)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-author name</li> <li>-publication year</li> <li>-work title</li> <li>-publication city</li> <li>-publisher</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-author name</li> <li>-work title</li> <li>-publication city</li> <li>-publisher</li> <li>-publication year</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| general book format                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Pollan, Michael. <i>The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals</i> . Penguin, 2006.                                                                                                                                                                              | Pollan, M. (2006). <i>The omnivore’s dilemma: A natural history of four meals</i> . New York, NY: Penguin Group.                                              | Pollan, Michael. <i>The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals</i> . New York: Penguin, 2006.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| single author                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Pollan, Michael...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Pollan, M. (2006)....                                                                                                                                         | Pollan, Michael....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| two authors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Bell, James K., and Adrian A. Cohn....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Use the ampersand (&amp;) instead of “and.”</b></p> <p>Bell, J. K., &amp; Cohn A. (1968). . . .</p>                                                     | Bell, James K., and Adrian A. Cohn. . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| three to ... authors                     | include the first author's name, followed by <i>et al.</i><br>Kernis, Michael, et al.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>for 3 to 7 authors, include every author. List by last names and initials. Commas separate author names. An ampersand should come before the last author's name.</b><br>Kernis, M. H., Cornell, D. P., Sun, C. R., Berry, A., Harlow, T., & Bach, J. S. (1993). There's more to self-esteem than whether it is high or low: The importance of stability of self-esteem. <i>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology</i> , 65, 1190-1204. | <b>for 3 to 10 authors, include all names in bibliography, but only the first author's name in notes, followed by <i>et al</i> with no comma before <i>et al</i>.</b><br>Kernis, Michael, David Cornell, C Sun, Adam Berry, Thomas Harlow, and Janeen Bach. . .                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ONLINE</b><br>sources<br>general info | -author/editor<br>-title<br>-website title<br>-publisher/organization<br>-publication date<br>-volume/issue number<br>-page numbers<br>-URL (omit <i>http://</i> or <i>https://</i> )<br>-whenever possible use a permalink or DOI (digital object identifier) instead of a URL<br>-date of access helpful, especially if the source has no publication date | -author<br>-date<br>-page title<br>-site title<br>-available page numbers<br>-DOI or URL<br>-DOIs are preferred over URLs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -requires the URL or DOI to be listed at the end of the citation<br>-date of access should be included if there is no publication or medication date<br>-citations for websites should be in the notes; only include in the bibliography if there are no notes<br><br>-website titles usually have no formatting<br>-titles of blogs, books, journals, shows, movies, and similar sources should be italicized |
| general format                           | Author/Editor. <i>Name of Site</i> . Version number, Name of publisher/organizer, date of publication (if available), URL/DOI/permalink. Date of access (if applicable).                                                                                                                                                                                     | Author. (Year [use n.d. if not given]). Article or page title. <i>Larger Publication Title</i> , volume number (issue number). Retrieved from <i>http://url address</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Author (and/or owner, sponsor). "Document/Webpage Title." Title of Website. Updated or Accessed Date. URL.<br><br>For Notes:<br>1. "Title of Document/Webpage," Title of website, Author/Owner, last modified date or accessed date, URL.                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| entire website            | <i>The Purdue OWL Family of Sites</i> . The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008, owl.english.purdue.edu/owl. Accessed 16 July 2018.                                                     | The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U. (2008). <i>The Purdue OWL Family of Sites</i> . Retrieved July 16, 2018, from http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/ | The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U. <i>The Purdue OWL Family of Sites</i> . Accessed 16 July 2018. http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/                                                                            |
| pages from website        | Shiva, Vandana. "Bioethics: A Third World Issue." Nativeweb, <a href="http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/shiva.html">http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/shiva.html</a> . Accessed July 14, 2018. | Shiva, V. (2006, February). Bioethics: A third world issue. Nativeweb. Retrieved from http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/shiva.html                            | Shiva, Vandana. "Bioethics: A Third World Issue." Nativeweb. Accessed July 14, 2018. <a href="https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/giants/">https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/giants/</a> . |
| article in online journal | Bent, Henry E. "Professionalization of the Ph.D. Degree." <i>The Journal of Higher Education</i> , vol. 30, no.3, 1959 pp. 140-45, JSTOR, www.jstor.org/stable/1978286. Accessed 14 July 2018.       | Bent, H. (1959). Professionalization of the Ph.D. degree. <i>The Journal of Higher Education</i> , 30(3), 140–145. https://www.jstor.org/stable/1978286.         | Bent, Henry E. "Professionalization of the Ph.D. Degree." <i>The Journal of Higher Education</i> 30, no. 3 (1959): 140–45. Accessed July 14, 2018. https://www.jstor.org/stable/1978286.                                     |

## In-Text Citations

### citing **BOOKS**

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| author named in a signal phrase     | Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper refers to this phenomenon as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (49). | Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper (1961) refers to this phenomenon as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (p. 49). | Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper refers to this phenomenon as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence." <sup>12</sup><br><br><b>Match number 12 to endnote 12 at the bottom of the page or in notes section</b><br>12. Stephen C. Pepper, <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961), 49. |
| author not named in a signal phrase | This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (Pepper 49).              | This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (Pepper, 1961, p. 49).              | This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence." <sup>12</sup><br>12. Stephen C. Pepper, <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961), 49.                                                                                                               |

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| unknown author      | This phenomenon is best referred to as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence” ( <i>World Hypotheses</i> 49). | This phenomenon is best referred to as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence” ( <i>World Hypotheses</i> , 1961, p. 49).                                   | This phenomenon is best referred to as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence.” <sup>12</sup><br><br>12. <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961), 49.                |
| unknown page number | This phenomenon is best referred to as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence” (Pepper).                      | According to Pepper (1961), this phenomenon is best referred to as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence” (Evidence and Corroboration section, para. 22). | This phenomenon is best referred to as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence.” <sup>12</sup><br><br>12. Stephen C. Pepper, <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961). |
| an entire work      | Thoreau’s “Walking” demonstrates a fascination with sauntering.                                                | Thoreau’s “Walking” (1862) demonstrates a fascination with sauntering.                                                                                      | Thoreau’s “Walking” demonstrates a fascination with sauntering. <sup>22</sup><br><br>22. Henry David Thoreau, “Walking,” 1862.                                                                            |

### other style guides:

UNBC: <https://libguides.unbc.ca/cite>

TRU: <https://libguides.tru.ca/citation>

UBC: <https://library.ok.ubc.ca/guides-and-tools/citation-style-guides/>

Simon Fraser University: <https://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/cite-write/citation-style-guides>

Vancouver Island University: <https://library.viu.ca/citing>