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IN-TEXT CITATIONS

Anonymous or unknown author: (Short Title, year, pp.); (“Short Article,” year)

Citation:

It was found that dogs bark when they feel threatened (“Characteristics of Dogs,” 1991).

Reference:

Characteristics of dogs in their natural habitats. (2005, July 13). *New York Times*, p. B13.

One author: (Author, year, pp.)

Citation:

The author found that cars go fast (Smith, 2000, p. 123). Smith (2000, p. 123) found that cars go fast.

Reference:

Smith, A. (2000). *Cars go fast*. New York, NY: Good Publishing, Inc.

Two authors: (Author1 & Author2, year, pp.)

Citation:

The study found that dogs bark (Smith & Jones, 2005). Smith and Jones (2005) found that dogs bark.

Reference:

Smith, B. B., & Jones, B. B. (2005). Noises that animals make in their natural habitats. *Journal of Animal Science*, 4(2), 15-27.

Three – five authors: First cite: (Author1, Author2, & Author3, year, pp.)

Next cite: (Author1 et al., year, pp.)

Citation:

The authors found that cars go fast (Smith, Jones, & Rogers, 2000, p. 123). The authors found that cars go fast (Smith et al., 2000, p. 123).

Smith, Jones, and Rogers (2000, p. 123) found that cars go fast. Smith et al. (2000, p. 123) found that cars go fast.

Reference:

Smith, A., Jones, A., & Rogers, A. (2000). *Cars go fast*. New York, NY: Good Publishers, Inc.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

Six+ authors: (Author1 et al., year, pp.)

Note: For six or more authors, use et al. the first time and give the full citation in references.

Citation:

The study found that cars go fast (Smith et al., 2005). Smith et al. (2005) found that cars go fast.

Reference:

Smith, A. A., Jones, A. A., Rogers, A. A., Clark, A. A., Malone, A. A., & Garrett, A. A. (2005). Noises that animals make in their natural habitats. *Journal of Animal Science*, 4(2), 15-27.

Several studies by different authors: (Author1, year; Author2, year; Author3, year)

Citation:

Several studies (Clark, 2000; Jones, 2003; Rogers, 2007; Smith, 2005) have shown that dogs bark.

Several sources by the same author: (Author, year1, year2, year3)

Note: If an author has published more than one article/book in the same year, use letters to differentiate each study (e.g., 2005a, 2005b). In citations, list the years in chronological order.

Citation:

Several studies by Smith (2000, 2005a,b) have shown that dogs bark. Several studies have shown that dogs bark (Smith, 2000, 2005a,b).

Reference:

Smith, B. B. (2000). Studies about dogs. *Journal of Animal Science*, 6(1), 10-21.

Smith, B. B. (2005a). Noises that animals make. *Journal of Animal Science*, 4(2), 15-27.

Smith, B. B. (2005b). Animals in their natural habitats. *Journal of Animal Science*, 2(2), 38-52.

Quotation: (Author, year, pp.)

Note: In the absence of page numbers, add the paragraph symbol or the abbreviation para. and the paragraph number to the citation (e.g., Smith, 2005, ¶ 17).

Citation:

It has been shown that “dogs will bark more frequently in their natural habitats” (Smith, 2000, p. 327).

As Smith (2005) notes, “dogs will bark if they feel threatened” (para. 7).

PERIODICALS - Items published on a regular basis (journals, magazines, newspapers)

Note: A digital object identifier (DOI) is a character string used to uniquely identify an electronic document or other object. Metadata about the object is stored in association with the DOI name and this metadata may include a location, such as a URL, where the object can be found. The DOI for a document is permanent, whereas its location and other metadata may change.

Journal article with DOI

LastName, A. A., LastName, B. B., & LastName, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume#(issue#)*, pp-pp. doi:xx.xxxxxxxx

Journal article without DOI

LastName, A. A., LastName, B. B., & LastName, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume#(issue#)*, pp-pp. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxx>

Magazine article retrieved online

LastName, A. A. (year, Month). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume#(issue#)*, pp-pp. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxx>

Newspaper article retrieved online

LastName, A. A. (year, Month day). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, pp-pp. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxx>

Note: Give the URL of the home page when the online version of the article is available by search to avoid nonworking URLs.

EXAMPLES

1. Journal article with DOI

Smith, A. B., & Jones, C. D. (2005). Volunteer support of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology, 24*(2), 225-229. doi:10.1122/333444555666777

2. Journal article without DOI

Smith, A. A. (2008). The geographic expansion of Mexican immigration in the United States. *Journal of Immigration Law, 8*(2), 47-63.

3. Magazine article

Smith, A. (2008, May). Enhancing worker well-being. *The Economist, 39*(5), 26-29.

4. Newspaper article

Smith, A. (2001, October 15). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Wall Street Journal*, pp. A1, A4.

5. Online newspaper article

Smith, A. (2005, February 5). Fed official suggests early end to stimulus effort. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://nytimes.com>

BOOKS, REFERENCE BOOKS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Entire book

- Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.
Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work*. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxx>
Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work*. doi:xxxxxxxxxx
Editor, A. A. (ed.). (year). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

Chapter in book or entry in reference book

- Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). Title or chapter of entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Location: Publisher.
Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxx>
Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). doi:xxxxxxxxxx

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1. Entire book, print version

Smith, A. A. (1975). *The logic behind mathematics*. Chicago, IL: Red Brick Publishers.

2. Electronic version of print book

Smith, A. A. (1975). *The logic behind mathematics* [Adobe Digital Editions version]. doi:10.1122/333444555666777

3. Electronic-only book

Jones, B. B. (1998). *Perspectives on the freshman year of college*. Retrieved from <http://www.onlinebooks.com/html/asp>

4. Several volumes in a multivolume work

Smith, A. (ed.). (1960-1973). *Psychology: A study of science* [Vols. 1-6]. New York, NY: Good Publishers, Inc.

5. Book chapter, print version

Jones, B. B. (2001). Philosophy in the realm of other sciences. In B. Jones & C. Rogers (Eds.), *Social sciences and their impact on higher education* (pp. 87-115). New York, NY: Golden Books Publishing.

6. Reference book

Smith, A. (Ed.). (2001). *Dictionary of applied sciences*. San Francisco, CA: American Science Organization.

AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA - motion pictures, audio or television broadcasts (including podcasts), static objects (maps, artwork, photos), blog posts, Twitter, Facebook

Motion picture

Prodcuer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of Origin: Studio.

Non-fiction video

Producer, A. A. (Producer), (year). *Video title* [DVD/VHS]. Available from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxx>

Music recording

Writer, A. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recorded by B. B. Artist if different from writer]. On *Title of album* [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.] Location: Label. (Date of recording if different from song copyright date)

Artwork/Photos

Artist, A. (Role of artist). (year). *Title* [Medium: painting, image, etc.] Location: Repository.

Artist, A. (Role of artist). (year). *Title* [Medium: painting, image, etc.] Location: Repository. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxx>

Podcast

Producer, A. (Producer). (year, Month day). *Title* [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxx>

Blog post

Author, A. A. (year, Month day). Title of post [Description of form]. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxx>

Note: If the author's full name is available, list the last name first followed by initials. If only a screen name is available, use the screen name.

Twitter

Twitter handle (Author). (year, Month Day of tweet). Full text of tweet [Twitter post]. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxx>.

Facebook

Username or Group Name. [ca. year / n.d.]. In *Facebook* [Page type]. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from <http://www.facebook.com/xxxxxxxxx>

Note: When the date can be reasonably certain but isn't stated on the document, use ca. and a bracketed date. When the date is unknown, use n.d. for "no date."

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1. Motion picture

Smith, A., Jones, B. (Producers), & Rogers, C. (Director). (1985). *Dog days of summer* [Motion picture]. United States: Warner Home Video.

2. Non-fiction video

Jones, B. (Producer). (2005). *Responding to therapy* [DVD]. Available from <http://www.apa.org/videos/>

3. Music recording

Smith, A. A. (2007). Shadow of the bird. On *Simple songs* [CD]. Chicago, IL: BigBoy Records.

4. Painting

Jones, B. B. (Artist). (1855). *Boy sitting on a porch* [Painting]. Cincinnati, OH: Cincinnati Art Museum.

5. Painting retrieved online

Jones, B. B. (Artist). (1855). *Boy sitting on a porch* [Image of painting]. Cincinnati, OH: Cincinnati Art Museum. Retrieved from <http://cincinnatiartmuseum.org/images.html>

6. Online image

Smith, A. (Photographer). (2010). *Men pray* [Photograph], Retrieved from http://www.onlineimages.com/images/men_pray.html

7. Map retrieved online

Monroe County Geographic Information Services (Cartographer). (1987). Population density [Demographic map]. Retrieved from <http://www.co.monroe.in.gov/maps/pop-dens.pdf>

8. Podcast

Smith, A. (Producer). (2007, January 8). *Dogs like to bark* [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <http://www.podcastradio.com/>

9. Blog post

Smith, A. (2009, August 2). The eight principles of information architecture design [Web log post]. Retrieved from http://boxesandarrows.com/eight_IA_principles.php

10. Twitter

@BarackObama. (2009a, July 15). Launched American Graduation Initiative to help additional 5 mill. Americans graduate college by 2020: <http://bit.ly/gcTX7> [Twitter post]. Retrieved from <http://twitter.com/BarackObama/status/2651151366>

11. Facebook

When I was your age, Pluto was a planet. [ca. 2009]. In *Facebook* [Group page]. Retrieved December 16, 2009, from <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2207893888>