HOW TO CITE A WEBSITE IN APA (6TH EDITION)

TO CITE WEBSITES, YOU ONLY NEED FOUR PIECES OF INFORMATION.
SO WHY IS IT SO HARD?!?! MANY WEBSITES DON’T GIVE YOU ALL THE PIECES! THE KEY IS TO COLLECT AS MANY OF THE PIECES AS POSSIBLE, AND PLUG THEM INTO THE APA FORMULA.

1. Author’s Last Name, A. A.  
2. [Date].  
3. Title of web page.  
4. Retrieved from URL

SO WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN ONE OF THE PIECES IS MISSING?

“*The web page doesn’t have an author.*”

If an actual human being isn’t listed, is there an organization that sponsors the website (e.g. Central Intelligence Agency, American Psychological Association, Department of Education)? If so, use the organization as the author.

Organization. (Date). Title of web page. Retrieved from URL

“*Nope, definitely sure there is no author – human or organization.*”

Put the Title in Slot #1 in the formula above.

Title of web page. (Date). Retrieved from URL

“My website has more than one author.”

List them in the order they appear, put commas in between, and use “&” before the last one.

Author’s Last Name, A.A., & Author’s Last Name, B.B. (Date). Title of web page. Retrieved from URL  
Author’s Last Name, A.A., Author’s Last Name, B.B., & Author’s Last Name, C.C. (Date). Title of web page. Retrieved from URL

“My web page doesn’t have a date.”

Use the initials n.d. instead. This means “No Date.”

Author’s Last Name, A.A. (n.d.). Title of web page. Retrieved from URL

“I can’t figure out what the title of this web page is.”

Sometimes you have to make a judgment call about what counts as the “title” of a web page. Is there a highlighted/emphasized heading on the page that seems like the title? If not, include a brief description of the webpage in brackets.

Author’s Last Name, A.A. (Date). [Description of web page]. Retrieved from URL
YOU CAN USE THIS WORKSHEET TO ORGANIZE YOUR REFERENCES. REMEMBER, WHEN A PIECE IS MISSING, CONSULT THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET TO SEE WHAT THE WORK-AROUND IS. YOUR REFERENCES SHOULD BE **ALPHABETIZED** & EACH CITATION SHOULD HAVE A **HANGING INDENT** (I.E. THE 2\textsuperscript{ND} AND 3\textsuperscript{RD} LINES SHOULD BE INDENTED).

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