

How to create proper APA. . . .

# CITATIONS

# AUTHOR'S NAME

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- ✗ The author or creator's name is the first part of a proper citation.
- ✗ Last name first, then initials of first and middle name.
- ✗ Example:

Rosenberg, M.

- ✗ If the name of an author cannot be found, begin with title of the article.

# DATE

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- ✗ The date the article was written or created is listed next.

- ✗ Examples:

(2010).

(2010, January).

(2010, November 11).

- ✗ If you can't find a date use (n.d.).

# TITLE OF ARTICLE

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- ✗ List the title as it appears at the beginning of the article.
- ✗ If an author can't be found, the title comes BEFORE the date.
- ✗ Examples:

Amerigo Vespucci.

John and Sebastian Cabot.

Marco Polo, Biography of Marco Polo.

# NAME OF SOURCE

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- ✗ Could be the name of a web site.
- ✗ Could be the name of an online encyclopedia.
- ✗ Examples:

*The Mariner's Museum.*

*Conquistadors.*

*About.Com.Geography*

*World Book Advanced.*



# DATE OF RETRIEVAL (FIRST USE)

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- ✗ This is only included when citing online sources.
- ✗ Include only the date of first use.
- ✗ Example:

Retrieved March 10, 2011, from

# WEB ADDRESS (URL)

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- ✖ This is only included when citing online sources.
- ✖ Copy the web address from the web site and paste it into your citation.
- ✖ Examples:  
<http://www.marinersmuseum.org/education/age-exploration>  
<http://www.pbs.org/conquistadors/index.html>  
<http://geography.about.com/od/historyofgeography/a/ageexploration.htm>

# PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

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Rosenberg, M. (2010, November 17). Marco Polo, Biography of Marco Polo. *About.Com.Geography*. Retrieved January 27, 2011, from <http://geography.about.com/od/historyofgeography/a/ageexploration.htm>

Amerigo Vespucci. (n.d.). *The Mariner's Museum*. Retrieved January 27, 2011, from <http://www.marinersmuseum.org/education/age-exploration>



# THINGS TO REMEMBER

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- ✗ Only sources used should be included in References.
- ✗ References are arranged in alphabetical order by the first word in citation.
- ✗ A web address or a URL on its own IS NOT a proper citation.
- ✗ Copy and paste citations from sources that provide them for you; World Book Online, Discovery Education, & Digital Pipeline.

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