APA 7th in Minutes: YouTube Videos

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This video will show you the basics on how to cite a YouTube video in APA format, so it will end up looking like this: [example shown].

To cite a YouTube video you will need: the name of the author, artist, company, or brand that published the video, the YouTube channel name, if different from above, the year, month and day the video was published, the title of the video, and the URL.

Begin with the author's last name, comma, and initial. After the name, add a period. In this example, the YouTube channel has its own name but the channel owner's full name is available in the 'About' section.

Now add the channel name, located directly below the title of the video, surround the channel name with square brackets, followed by a period. If you can't find the author's name in the 'About' section, remove the square brackets from the channel name and use the channel name to start the citation, and follow with a period.

The year is next, followed by a comma, then the month and date of publishing. Surround in parentheses and follow with a period. Now add the title, in italics. In APA, capitalize the first letter of the title and subtitle and capitalize any proper nouns. Include the word "Video" in square brackets and follow with a period. Add the words YouTube, followed by a period. Add the URL. This is your APA YouTube video citation: [example shown].

In-text citations. For an in-text citation at the end of a paraphrase, add the author's last name (or channel name if it is not available), comma, and the year of publication. Include in parentheses and follow with a period. If citing a quotation from a video in the body of your paper, be sure to also include the timestamp from the moment in the video where the quote begins. Add a comma after the year, then add the minute followed by a colon, then the second. Include in parentheses and follow with a period.

If you're quoting or paraphrasing a person featured in the video but who is not the channel owner, you should attribute the words or ideas to that person in your sentences. The in-text citation at the end of the sentence should still contain the name of the channel-owner.

For more on in-text citations, watch the video linked in the description.

Your reference list is at the end of your paper. Make sure to put your citations in alphabetical order. Don't forget to double space, and indent after the first line.

For more information and support with APA:

- Book an appointment with the Writing Center;
- Consult the OWL at Purdue;
- Or refer to the APA manual available at Humber Libraries.