

## Referencing popular sources

For instructions on referencing scholarly articles from academic journals and databases, see the full “APA style of referencing” document.

### **Tips for identifying elements of a reference on a webpage**

**Author.** Look first for the name of a person, usually given just below the title of the section or article you are reading. If no person’s name is given, use the publisher as the author. Look for the publisher’s name at the bottom of the home page.

**Publication Date.** An article may have a date separate from the publication date of the website. If not, a copyright date is usually given at the bottom of the webpage. You may need to visit the site’s home page to find it.

**Title.** If the passage you are reading is not a distinct article, identify the title of the entire page. Use section headings or paragraph numbers to specify the location if you use a quotation in the text of your paper.

**Retrieval information.** Give the URL of the home page preceded by “Retrieved from.” Include the date of retrieval only if the source is likely to change.

### **Examples**

#### **Online newspaper article.**

Klimkiewicz, J. (2008, January 10). Audrey Conrad, Outside the box: Those in the transgender community find a warm embrace at Real Art Ways. *Hartford Courant*. Retrieved from <http://www.courant.com>

#### **Page from an organization’s website.**

South Park Inn. (n.d.). South Park Inn: About us. Retrieved from <http://www.southparkinn.org/aboutus.html>

#### **Blog post**

McAdoo, T. (2009, August 13). Re: The flexibility of APA style [Web log message]. Retrieved from <http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/2009/08/the-flexibility-of-apa-style.html>