



BEFORE you begin, please note:

- This brief guide is primarily for students doing assignments at Curtin University, not for those publishing using the APA 6th style.

- If you are publishing in the APA 6th style, please consult the APA publication manual:

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

For more details see the [APA Style Blog](#)

- It is important that you check the assignment guide of your Department or School as details may vary from the guidelines on this sheet. You may be penalised for not using the referencing style that is required by your School/Department.

What is Referencing?

Referencing is a standardised method of acknowledging sources of information and ideas that you have used in your assignment in a way that uniquely identifies their source. Direct quotations, facts and figures, as well as ideas and theories, from both published and unpublished works, must be referenced.

Why Reference?

Referencing is necessary to avoid plagiarism, to verify quotations, and to enable readers to follow-up and read more fully the cited author's arguments.

Steps Involved in Referencing

1. Collecting Bibliographic Details

Note down the full bibliographic details of the source from which the information is taken, including the relevant page number(s). This information is the basis of a **citation or reference**.

In the case of a **book**, 'bibliographical details' refers to: author/editor, year of publication, title, edition, volume number, place of publication and publisher as found on the front and back of the title page. (Not all of these details will necessarily be applicable).

In the case of a **journal article** the details required include: author of the article, year of publication, title of the article, title of the journal, volume and issue number of the journal, and page numbers.

For all **electronic information**, in addition to the above you should note the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) if one exists, and if one does not exist, the web address (URL) of the database you found the article in. [For more details see the DOI Information Sheet.](#)

2. In-Text Citations

A citation inserted at the appropriate place within the text of the document is called an **in-text citation**. This usually takes the form of the name of the author, followed by the year of publication.

Two acceptable forms of in-text citations are:

Miller and Collins (2009) - use **and** when family names are outside parentheses
(Miller & Collins, 2009) - use **&** when family names are inside parentheses

If two or more authors are cited at the same point in the text then they are included in the same in-text citation, separated by a semicolon, e.g., (Brown, 1991; Smith, 2003).

Short quotes

For fewer than 40 words incorporate the quote into the text and use double quotation marks.

“.....” (Brown & Brown, 2008, p.112).

Brown and Brown (2008) suggested “.....” (p. 112), and this would provide...

When paraphrasing, the APA 6th manual (p.171) encourages you to provide page or paragraph numbers to help the reader locate the information.

Use paragraph number for .html documents (e.g. British Empire 1922, 2009, para.4)

Page Numbers

Use p. for a single page and pp. for double pages.

Long Quotes

If the quotation is 40 or more words use a freestanding block of text

- start on a new line
- indent the block about half an inch from the left
- use double spacing
- omit quotation marks

3. Reference List

A reference list includes books, journal articles etc that you have cited in the text of your essay whereas a bibliography is a list of sources consulted as well as cited.

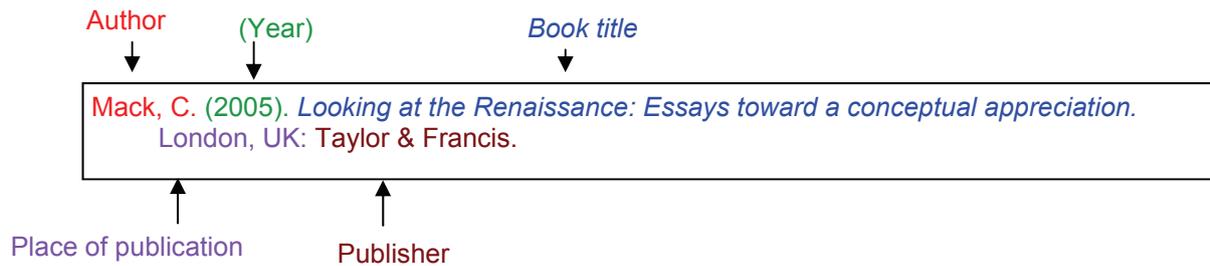
- The reference should appear at the end of your work on a separate page
- The reference list is arranged alphabetically by author
- Where an item has no author it is cited and listed by its title
- The second and subsequent lines of each reference need a hanging indent
- Use double spacing between references

[Example of a Reference List in the APA style](#)

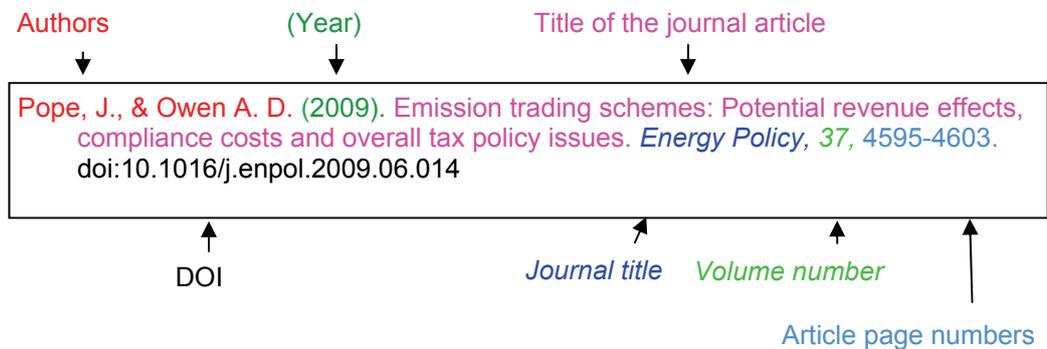
Elements of a Reference

A reference or citation consists of elements that allow the reader to trace the original book, article or website you have consulted and cited.

Book:



Journal article from a database:



Web Page:



Underlined hyperlink in URL

This can be removed if required. APA has no rule regarding the inclusion of a hyperlink and they provide no guidance. This is at the discretion of the respective lecturers. For more information see the [APA Style Blog FAQ](#)

Examples of Referencing:

For Reference Types to use with EndNote, click [here](#) for the EndNote X5 LibGuide

Books	In-Text Example	Reference List Examples
<i>Single author</i>	The theory was first considered in 2000 (Pash, 2008) OR Pash (2008) claimed that...	Pash, C. (2008). <i>The last whale</i> . North Fremantle, W.A.: Fremantle Press.
<i>2 authors</i>	Roitman and LaFontaine (2012) ... OR "... to achieve consistency" (Roitman & LaFontaine, 2012, p. 45)	Roitman, J. L., & LaFontaine, T. P. (2012). <i>The exercise professional's guide to optimizing health: Strategies for preventing and reducing chronic disease</i> . Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health.
<i>3,4,5 authors</i>	Conking, Alley, Broecker, and Denton (2011) Cite all authors the first time the reference occurs. In subsequent citations, include only the surname of the first author followed by et al. Conking et al. (2011) suggested that ... OR (Conking et al., 2011)	Conking, P. W., Alley, R. B., Broecker, W. S., & Denton, G. H. (2011). <i>The fate of Greenland: Lessons from abrupt climate change</i> . Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
<i>6,7 authors</i>	Bulliet et al. (2011) found that... OR (Bulliet et al., 2011) Cite only the surname of the first author followed by et al.	Bulliet, R. W., Crossley, P. K., Headrick, D. R., Hirsch, S. W., Johnson, L. L., & Northrup, D. (2011). <i>The earth and its peoples: A global history</i> (5th ed.). Boston, MA: Wadsworth.
<i>8 or more authors</i>	(Gradel et al., 2007, p. 35) OR Gradel et al. (2007, p. 35) stated... Cite only the surname of the first author followed by et al.	Gradel, E., Kolaitis, P. G., Libkin, L., Marx, M., Spencer, J., Vardi, M. Y., ... Weinstein, S. (2007). <i>Finite model theory and its applications</i> . Berlin, Germany: Springer. For works with 8 or more authors, list the first 6 authors, followed by 3 full stops (...) then spell out the last author's name.
<i>No author</i>	<i>(Employment the Professional Way, 2000)</i> OR the book <i>Employment the Professional Way</i> (2000) Shorten title	<i>Employment the professional way: A guide to understanding the Australian job search process for professionally qualified migrants</i> . (2000). Carlton, Vic: Australian Multicultural Foundation.

<i>Multiple works by same author</i>	University research (Martin, 2008, 2010) has indicated that...	Martin, G. (2008). <i>Essentials of terrorism: Concepts and controversies</i> . Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications. Martin, G. (2010). <i>Understanding terrorism: Challenges, perspectives, and issues</i> . Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Order chronologically in the reference list.
<i>Multiple works published in the same year by the same author</i>	In recent reports (Napier, 1993a, 1993b) ... Use a/b etc. to differentiate between works in same year.	Napier, A. (1993a). <i>Fatal storm</i> . Sydney, NSW: Allen & Unwin. Napier, A. (1993b). <i>Survival at sea</i> . Sydney, NSW: Allen & Unwin. Order alphabetically by title in the reference list.
<i>Works by different authors with same surname</i>	(L. Green, 2010) OR L. Green (2010) (R. Green, 2008) OR R. Green (2008)	Green, L. (2010). <i>The internet: An introduction to new media</i> . New York: Berg. Green, R. (2008). <i>Global warming</i> . Ann Arbor, MI: Cherry Lake Publishing.
<i>Editor</i>	(Kasdorf, 2003, p. 15)	Kasdorf, W. E. (Ed.). (2003). <i>The Columbia guide to digital publishing</i> . New York, NY: Columbia University Press.
<i>Different Editions</i>	(Renton, 2004, p. 51) OR (<i>Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary</i> , 2005)	Renton, N. (2004). <i>Compendium of good writing</i> (3rd ed.). Milton Keynes, UK: John Wiley & Sons. OR <i>Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary</i> (11th ed.). (2005). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster. An edition number is placed after the title of the work - this is not necessary for a first edition.
<i>Encyclopedia or Dictionary or multi-volume work</i>	<i>The new Grove dictionary of music and musicians</i> (1980, p.85) defined it as...	Sadie, S. (Ed.). (1980). <i>The new Grove dictionary of music and musicians</i> (6th ed., Vols. 1-20). London, UK: Macmillan.
<i>Article or chapter in a book</i>	As discussed by Friedl (2003)...	Friedl, E. (2003). Society and sex roles. In J. P. Spradley & D. W. McCurdy (Eds.), <i>Conformity and conflict: Readings in cultural anthropology</i> (11th ed., pp. 261-289). Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.
<i>Article or chapter in a book – no author</i>	("Solving the Y2K Problem," 1997) Put title in quotation marks.	Solving the Y2K problem. (1997). In D. Bowd (Ed.), <i>Technology today and tomorrow</i> (p. 27). New York, NY: Van Nostrand Reinhold.
<i>Image in a book</i>	The poster "The 3 dark years" (Sexton, 2005, p. 184)	Sexton, M. (2005). <i>The great crash: The short life and sudden death of the Whitlam government</i> . Melbourne, Vic: Scribe Publications.

Electronic Sources	In-Text Example	Reference List Examples
<i>Full text journal from an electronic database - DOI available</i>	(Pope & Owen, 2009) OR As Pope and Owen (2009) state...	Pope, J., & Owen, A. D. (2009). Emission trading schemes: Potential revenue effects, compliance costs and overall tax policy issues. <i>Energy Policy</i> , 37, 4595-4603. doi:10.1016/j.enpol.2009.06.014 Where the page numbers in the entire volume run consecutively, do not use issue number after the volume number.
<i>Full text journal from an electronic database - DOI not available</i>	(Marshall & Anderson, 2008, p.464) OR As Marshall and Anderson (2008, p.464) state... If the article is in .pdf format, cite the page number. If it is in .html format, cite the paragraph number.	Marshall, K., & Anderson, J. (2008). The Emperor's new clothes: A meta-study of education technology policies in Ireland, North and South (1996-2006). <i>Computers & Education</i> , 50(2), 463-474. Retrieved from http://www.sciencedirect.com APA recommends using the journal homepage. However, for practical reasons the University has adopted the gateway URL as this will be easier for students. Shorten URL. Include the issue number if the journal is paginated by issue.
<i>Full text journal from an electronic database – no author</i>	The Internet has had a huge impact on the Australian economy (“Mobile Phone Addiction,” 2010)... Put title in quotation marks.	Mobile phone addiction: A point of issue. (2010). <i>Addiction</i> , 105, 373-374. Retrieved from http://proquest.umi.com Where the page numbers in the entire volume run consecutively, do not use issue number after the volume number. Shorten URL
<i>Full text newspaper, newswire or magazine from an electronic database – no author</i>	("Call to Save Indigenous Languages," 2009) Put title in quotation marks. Shorten title if necessary.	Call to save indigenous languages. (2009, October 31). <i>The Canberra Times</i> . Retrieved from http://global.factiva.com Shorten URL
<i>Full text from Internet – more than 7 authors</i>	(Keogh et al., 2009, p.256) If an article is in .pdf format, cite the page number. If it is in .html format, cite the paragraph number.	Keogh, L. A., van Vliet, C. M., Studdert, D. M., Maskiell, J. A., Macrae, F. A., St John, D. J., ... Jenkins, M. A. (2009). Is the uptake of genetic testing for colorectal cancer influenced by knowledge of insurance implications? <i>Medical Journal of Australia</i> , 191(5), 255-258. Retrieved from http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/191_05_070909/keo11470_fm.pdf For works with more than 7 authors, list the first 6 authors, followed by 3 fullstops (...) then spell out the last author's name. For other author variations refer to page 3.

<i>Article from Curtin E-Reserve</i>	(Flahvin, 1997, p.12)	Flahvin, A. (1997). Sattin and the spectre of media liability for negligence. <i>Communications Law Bulletin</i> , 16(4), 11-14. Retrieved from http://edocs.library.curtin.edu.au/eres_display.cgi?url=dc60209184.pdf
<i>Cochrane Review</i>	(Leach & Morris, 2006)	Leach, A. J., & Morris, P. S. (2006). Antibiotics for the prevention of acute and chronic suppurative otitis media in children. <i>Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews</i> 2006, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD004401. doi :10.1002/14651858.CD004401.pub2
World Wide Web	In-Text Example	Reference List Examples
<i>Document on WWW</i>	(Steel, 2008)	Steel, W. (2008). Hints for web authors. Retrieved from http://www.mcsr.olemiss.edu/~mudws/webhints.html
<i>Document on WWW – No author</i>	("British Empire 1922," 2009, para.4) Use paragraph numbers for .html documents.	British Empire 1922 and other empires. (2009). Retrieved from http://www.angelfire.com/mac/egmatthews/worldinfo/europe/empire.html
<i>Document on WWW – No date</i>	(Royal Institute of British Architects, n.d.)	Royal Institute of British Architects. (n.d.). Becoming an architect. Retrieved from http://www.architecture.com/EducationAndCareersBecomingAnArchitectBecominganarchitect.aspx
<i>Image on the web</i>	The photo "Autumn Ivy" (Curtin University Library, 2007).....	Curtin University Library. (2007). Autumn ivy [Image]. Retrieved from http://www.flickr.com/photos/curtinuniversitylibrary/1440410713/
<i>Entire Website not specific document</i>	Give the URL of the site in the text Kidspsych is a children's website (http://www.kidspsych.org).	No entry required in the reference list
Secondary Sources	In-Text Examples	Reference List Examples
<i>Book</i>	... including neuralgia (Carini & Hogan, as cited in Thibodeau & Patton, 2002, p. 45) OR Carini and Hogan's study (as cited in Thibodeau & Patton, 2002, p. 45)	Thibodeau, G. A., & Patton, K. T. (Eds.). (2002). <i>The human body in health and disease</i> . St. Louis, MO: Mosby. Record the book that you actually used.
<i>Journal article</i>	Carini and Hogan's study (as cited in Patton, 2002) OR "... origins of neuralgia" (Carini & Hogan, as cited in Patton, 2002, p. 2154)	Patton, K. T. (2002). Neuralgia and headaches. <i>Science</i> , 400, 2153-55. Record the journal that you actually used.

Government Publications	In-Text Example	Reference List Examples
<i>Acts of Parliament (including bills)</i>	The Commonwealth's <i>Copyright Act 1968</i> ... (In future references, omit date)	<p>Legislation is included in a list of references only if it is important to an understanding of the work. Set the list apart from the main body of the reference under the subheading 'Legislation'.</p> <p>Essential elements: Short Title of Act (Jurisdiction) eg: Copyright Act 1968 (Cth)</p> <p>When using a section in an Act, you can do a pinpoint reference eg: Criminal Code WA, s. 348</p> <p>If legislation is obtained from an electronic database, add a retrieved statement as for electronic journal articles.</p>
Case	<i>(John Fairfax Publications Pty Ltd v Gacic, 2007)</i>	<p><i>John Fairfax Publications Pty Ltd v Gacic</i> [2007] HCA 28</p> <p>If case is obtained from an electronic database, add a retrieved statement as for electronic journal articles.</p>
<i>Australian Bureau of Statistics Bulletin</i>	(Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2008) OR (Australian Bureau of Statistics [ABS], 2008) and for subsequent citations use (ABS, 2008)	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2008). <i>Childhood education and care</i> (No. 4402.0). Canberra, ACT: Author.</p> <p>The word 'Author' is used as the publisher when the author and publisher are the same</p>
<i>Statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website</i>	(Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2008) See above	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2008). <i>Childhood education and care</i> (No. 4402.0). Retrieved from http://www.abs.gov.au</p>
<i>Census Information</i>	(Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2006) See above	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2006). <i>Census of population and housing: B01 selected characteristics (First release processing) postal area 6050</i>. Retrieved http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au</p>
<i>Government Report</i>	(Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, 2010)	<p>Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics. (2010). <i>Aircraft movements through capital city airports to 2029-30</i> (Report 117). Retrieved from http://www.bitre.gov.au/publications/55/Files/Report%20117.pdf</p>
<i>Patent</i>	U.S. Patent No. 66991798-B1 (2004) OR (U.S. Patent No. 66991798-B1, 2004)	<p>Lindsay, S. J. (2004). <i>U.S. Patent No. 66991798-B1</i>. Derwent Innovations Index: United States Patent Office.</p>
<i>Standard</i>	(Standards Australia, 1997)	<p>Standards Australia. (2010). <i>Child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles (AS/NZ 1754:2010)</i>. Retrieved from http://www.saiglobal.com</p> <p>Shorten URL</p>

Other Sources	In-Text Example	Reference List Examples
<i>Thesis or Dissertation—unpublished</i>	(Ciccarelli, 2008, p. 89)	Ciccarelli, M. L. (2008). <i>Variation of posture and muscle activity during information and communication technology use by adults and school children</i> . (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). Curtin University of Technology, Bentley, W. A.
<i>Thesis or Dissertation—published available from an institutional database</i>	(Dwyer, 2009, p. 152)	Dwyer, R. (2009). <i>Agency and exchange: An ethnography of heroin marketplace</i> . (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from http://espace.library.curtin.edu.au Shorten URL
<i>Conference paper in Proceedings</i>	(Prayag & Ramjee, 2009) OR As discussed by Prayag and Ramjee (2009)	Prayag, I. L., & Ramjee, R. (2009). The impact of Newcastle disease control on smallholder poultry production in Mauritius. In R. G. Alsters, P. B. Spadbrow, & M. P. Young (Eds.), <i>Village chickens, poverty alleviation and the sustainable control of Newcastle disease: Proceedings of an international conference held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 5-7 October 2005</i> (pp. 132-134). Canberra, ACT: Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research. In the case of conference proceedings available electronically, replace publisher and location details with the DOI where available or URL in the absence of DOI.
<i>Brochure</i>	(Research and Training Centre on Independent Living, 2008, p. 2)	Research and Training Centre on Independent Living. (2008). <i>Guidelines for reporting and writing about people with disabilities</i> (11th ed.) [Brochure]. Melbourne, Vic: Author. Add Author for the publisher when the author and publisher are the same.
<i>Personal communication, e-mail and discussion lists with no web archive</i>	It was confirmed that an outbreak occurred in London (S. Savieri, personal communication, April 24, 1999)	Not included in reference list as they cannot be traced by the reader.
<i>Lecture notes</i>	(Brieger, 2005)	Brieger, B. (2005). <i>Lecture 3: Recruitment and involvement of trainees</i> [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from http://ocw.jhsph.edu/courses/TrainingMethodsContinuingEducation/lectureNotes.cfm These are treated like books if they are published, but like personal communication if they are your own notes or unpublished. Lecture notes are considered published if they have been copied and distributed in print or on the web with the instructor's permission.

Other Sources	In-Text Example	Reference List Examples
<i>Films and videorecordings of films.</i>	(Scorsese & Lonergan, 2000)	Scorsese, M. (Producer) & Lonergan, K. (Writer/Director). (2000). <i>You can count on me</i> [Motion picture]. Hollywood, CA: Paramount Pictures.
<i>DVDs and videorecordings</i>	<i>(American Psychological Association, 2000)</i>	American Psychological Association. (Producer). (2000). <i>Responding therapeutically to patient expressions of sexual attraction</i> [DVD]. Washington, DC: Author. The word 'Author' is used as the publisher when the author and publisher are the same
<i>Video file (e.g. YouTube video)</i>	(markapsolon, 2011)	markapsolon. (2011, September 9). <i>Real ghost girl caught on Video Tape 14</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nyGCbxD848 Use the screen name markapsolon as it appears online. If the user's real name is available list it first, followed by the screen name in brackets [markapsolon]
<i>Web streaming video</i>	Fukuyama (2006) recalled that...	Fukuyama, M. (2006). <i>At the corner of me and myself: Voices of multiple social identities</i> [Streaming video]. Hanover, MA: Microtraining Associates. Retrieved from http://ctiv.alexanderstreet.com.dbgw.lis.curtin.edu.au/View/535741
<i>Television and radio programmes -single episode in a series</i>	(Thomason, Rudd, & Fineri, 2007)	Thomason, M., Rudd, P., & Fineri, W. (Writers/Directors). (2007). North West Passage [Television series episode]. In T. Wright (Supervising Producer), <i>Captain Cook: Obsession and discovery</i> . Melbourne, Vic: Film Australia.
<i>Television and radio programmes -series or single programme</i>	Leonard and de Pieri (2009)	Leonard, D. (Producer), & de Pieri, S. (Presenter). (2009). <i>A gondola on the Murray</i> [Television series]. Melbourne, Vic: ABC Television. A single programme is called a Television broadcast. Specify the broadcast date for a single programme.
<i>Podcast</i>	(Seega & Swan, 2005)	Seega, B. (Producer), & Swan, N. (Presenter). (2005, November 28). <i>Adult ADHD</i> [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/healthrpt

<i>Blog post and reply</i>	McDonald (2010) suggests that... (the smart one, 2010) Use the screen name for the author of a blog post, if the author has adopted one.	McDonald, S.(2010, September 27). Noise in the library. [Web log post]. Retrieved from http://blogs.curtin.edu.au/library/2010/09 the smart one. (2010, October 3). Re: Noise in the library. [Web log comment]. Retrieved from http://blogs.curtin.edu.au/library/2010/09 Include full URL
<i>Computer Software</i>	(Miller, 1993)	Miller, M. E. (1993). The interactive tester (Version 4.0) [Computer software]. Westminster, CA: Psytek Services. Instead of author use the Programmer or Rightsholder
<i>ERIC document (microfiche)</i>	Davis and Lombardi (1996) put forward the proposal that...	Davis, R. K., & Lombardi, T. P. (1996). The quality of life of rural high school special education graduates. In <i>Rural goals 2000: Building programs that work</i> [Microfiche]. (ERIC Document No. ED394765).
<i>E-mail discussion list – web archive</i>	(cindiann, 2009)	cindiann. (2009, July 23). Re: Recommended photography books [Online discussion group comment]. Retrieved from http://www.flickr.com/groups/365libs/discuss/72157621780867836/ Use the screen name (or nickname) the author adopts if this is used in the discussion group entry.
<i>Twitter</i>	(BarackObama, 2009) To cite a Twitter feed as a whole or to discuss it in general give the site URL in text, inside parentheses. There is no need for a reference list entry.	BarackObama. (2009, 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
<i>Facebook</i>	(Barack Obama, 2009) To cite a Facebook feed as a whole or to discuss it in general give the site URL in text, inside parentheses. There is no need for a reference list entry.	Barack Obama. (2009, October 9). Humbled. http://my.barackobama.com/page/community/post/obamaforamerica/gGM45m [Facebook update]. Retrieved from http://www.facebook.com/posted.php?