

How to Cite an Article on a Website

The color-coded items here indicate the various parts that go into citing an article that is found on a website.

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of the article." *Title of the web publication*, Publication date, URL.

As we have seen from our reading preview exercises in past classes, it is usually fairly easy to find the parts of an article or web page that go into a proper citation. This example of an article published on a newspaper website shows you where all the identifying information is.

Example

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an article on The Sydney Morning Herald website. The URL in the address bar is smh.com.au/technology/rebooting-your-memory-20131031-2whyq.html. The page features the newspaper's masthead, a category label 'TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE', and a timestamp 'This was published 6 years ago'. The article title is 'Rebooting your memory', followed by the byline 'By Drew Turney' and the date 'November 3, 2013 - 3.00am'. The article text begins with 'As we offload more of the storage of information onto technology, might we be losing the art of remembering for ourselves?'. Red arrows and color-coded boxes highlight the citation components: the author's name, the article title, the publication title, and the publication date.

Using the key above, we have all the information we need in this screenshot. The URL is www.smh.com.au/technology/rebooting-your-memory-20131031-2whyq.html

Citation:

Turney, Drew. "Rebooting your memory." *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 3 Nov. 2013, www.smh.com.au/technology/rebooting-your-memory-20131031-2whyq.html.

In-Text Citation: (Turney). [We only use author's last name since there are no page numbers in the online version.].

How to Cite a Print Publication

You can also find similar information for print publications like a magazine or a newspaper. See which elements are needed for such a citation in the color-coded example below:

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical*, Day Month Year, pages.

Typically, it is easiest to find the title of the article and the author's name at the top of the article. Information like the name of the publication, date, and page numbers are often found at the foot of the page.

Some publications may only have page numbers printed on the pages. In those cases, you can usually find the publication title and date on the cover page or on the table of contents page.

The diagram illustrates the components of a print publication citation using a sample article page. The article title, "Can Partisanship Save Citizenship?", is highlighted in cyan and labeled "Title of the article." with a red arrow. The author's name, "BY HENRY FARRELL", is highlighted in yellow and labeled "Author's Last name, First name." with a red arrow. The publication title, "THE AMERICAN PROSPECT", is highlighted in pink and labeled "Title of Periodical," with a red arrow. The date, "JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009", is highlighted in grey and labeled "Day Month Year" with a red arrow. The page number, "24", is highlighted in blue and labeled "pages." with a red arrow. The diagram also shows the article's abstract and the page number "25" on the right side of the page.

When you flip through the article, make note of the range of page numbers, which is abbreviated p. (for one page) or pp. (for a range of pages).

Citation:

Farrell, Henry. "Can Partisanship Save Citizenship?" *The American Prospect*, Jan.-Feb., 2009, pp. 24-26.

In-text citation: (Farrell 24). [Use author last name and page number when available.]