

APA7 REFERENCING SYSTEM YEAR 7

When you **reference** you are acknowledging and giving credit to the author or creator of information you have used in your assignment.

It is important that you always acknowledge using someone else's work when writing an assignment. If you do not acknowledge another's work it is called **plagiarism**, a type of theft and is considered cheating.

All types of information can be referenced, including: ideas, quotes, images, data, graphs, music and audio, video, artificial intelligence, and more. These come from a variety of **sources**, such as books and webpages.

References provide your teacher with the details of the information you have used in your assignment. To make a reference you need to find these details from your source and write them down. These are called publication details. These include author or creator, year it was made, title of the work, the source, and a URL if it is an online source.

References can be written in different ways, or **standards**, each with different rules. The standard and the rules that we use at St Patrick's College is from the American Psychological Association 7th Edition, or **APA7**.

References have different parts, or elements. In APA7 these elements are separated with full stops. Think of each element as a separate sentence in the reference.

ELEMENTS OF A REFERENCE

Author	Year	Title	Source
Writer	Year	Book title	Publisher
Organisation or group author	Month	Web page title	Website
Editor	Date	Article title	Journal
Photographer	Season	Image title	Newspaper
Director		Video title	Magazine

Here are some examples of APA7 references using these elements:

BOOK

Author.	(Year).	Title.	Source.
Pearson, A.	(2023).	<i>Ancient Greece (Rev. ed).</i>	Dorling Kindersley.

WEBPAGE

Author.	(Year).	Title.	Source.
Choi, C. Q.	(2017, June 16).	<i>Ancient human sacrifice victims faced slavery before death.</i>	Live Science.

<https://www.livescience.com/59513-ancient-china-human-sacrifice-revealed.html>

REFERENCE LIST

All of the references that you have used in your work must be put into a list. That list is called a reference list and will go at the end of your assignment. Reference lists are ordered alphabetically. Look at the example below:

BBC. (2022, April 6). *Mungo man: 42,000-year-old Aboriginal remains to be reburied*.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-61006118>

Brown, C. (Ed.). (2018). *Inventions: A child's encyclopedia*. Dorling Kindersley.

Choi, C. Q. (2017, June 16). *Ancient human sacrifice victims faced slavery before death*. Live Science. <https://www.livescience.com/59513-ancient-china-human-sacrifice-revealed.html>

Felson, N. (2025). Athena. In *World Book Student*.
<https://www.worldbookonline.com/student-new/#/article/home/ar035400/Athena>

Felson, N. (2024). Athena. In *The World Book encyclopedia* (Vol. 1, p. 853). World Book.

Meredith, S., Hickman C., & Rogers, K. (Eds.). (2005). *The Usborne encyclopedia of world religions* (Rev. ed.). Usborne Publishing.

Pearson, A. (2023). *Ancient Greece* (Rev. ed). Dorling Kindersley.

FINDING PUBLICATION DETAILS

BOOK

Author & Title

Found on the first page when you open the book.

Other publication details are usually on the page after the title page. It should look similar to this:

This edition published in 2023
 First published in Great Britain in 1992 by
 Dorling Kindersley Limited
 DK, One Embassy Gardens, 8 Viaduct Gardens,
 London, SW11 7BW

WEBPAGE

The location of publication details on a webpage varies. The title will always be near the top of the page. Look for the other details near the title, or at the very bottom of the page. They may look similar to this:

Archaeology

Ancient Human Sacrifice Victims Faced Slavery Before Death

News By Charles Q. Choi published June 16, 2017



VOCAB LIST

APA7	American Psychological Association 7th Ed. An international standard of referencing.
PLAGIARISM	To take the work of another and to use it as your own, without proper referencing, a form of cheating.
PUBLICATION DETAILS	Information about who wrote a text, what it is called, who published it, and when it was published.
REFERENCE (TO REFER)	A mention of credit and details of a source of information used in research or study.
REFERENCE LIST	A list of all of the references used in your work, ordered alphabetically and placed at the end of your assignment.
SOURCE	The container of a piece of information or content.
STANDARD	Set of agreed rules or conditions, often named.

FOR MORE REFERENCING EXAMPLES GO TO THE APA7 REFERENCING GUIDE ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE.