

Citing a Youtube video or other electronic media. Sources of sample references are provided.

APA Helps

Creating APA References and In-Text Citations for YouTube Videos and Online Media

As more and more information is created in video format and uploaded to the Internet, students will want to reference YouTube videos and other online media in their coursework. In this video, we will identify the information needed to create references and in-text citations for a YouTube. Links to creating references for other online media are available at the end of this video.

We will create an APA reference and In-Text Citation for this YouTube video: “This is Amazing Grace,” performed by Jeremy Riddle. The information needed to create your reference and in-text citation include the author, this is the person, group, or company who created the video; the screen name, this is the name the author used to upload the video. Format the screen name just as it appear online, use the same capital or lowercase letters.

Note that when both the author’s real name and screen name are given, the screen name is put into brackets and follows the author’s real name. If only the screen name is given, begin your reference with the screen name; no brackets are needed.

Last, you will need to include the Published Date, this is given in year, month, and day format. In our example video, the author is Bethel Music. The screen name is “ibethelmusic” in all lowercase letters. And the Published Date is October 5, 2012. Let’s take a moment to start creating our reference, using the information we have so far.

Next, we will need to include the video title in italics with proper names capitalized. The Media Format, which is listed and put in brackets. For YouTube, Vimeo, or other online video, use video file as the format. Last, you will need to include a retrieved from statement, this is the full URL, the web address. You can copy and paste the web address for the video by using CTRL+C to copy, and CTRL+V to paste.

In our example video, the title is “Bethel Live – This is Amazing Grace ft. Jeremy Riddle.” Capitalize “B” in Bethel, “J” in Jeremy, and “R” in Riddle. All other words will be lowercase. With the rest of this information, we can now finish our reference. Your reference is now finished and in APA Format.

The in-text citation is created by using the author name, along with the publication year. Example references and In-text citations for other online media can be found on pp. 209-210 of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, Sixth Edition. The APA 6E Guide, created by Off Campus Library Services, also includes example References for movies, music recordings, and other kinds of online media. Look for the section “Other Kinds of Unique Reference Examples.” The APA Style Blog details how to create references for YouTube videos, Tweets, Facebook updates, and other online media using the links you see here.

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