Images & Videos
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Core elements of any citation
Elements of a citation for all source types:

1. Author(s).
2. Title of Source.
3. Title of Container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

Online Images

Image from a Museum or Gallery
1. Last Name of Artist, First Name. (Author)
2. Title of Artwork. (Title of Source & Container.)
3. Date of creation, (Publication date,)
4. medium of artwork, (Something extra to be helpful,)
5. The institution and city where the work is, (Location,)
6. Title of Website, (Title of 2nd Container,)
7. URL. (Location of 2nd Container.)


Image Not from a Museum or Gallery
1. Last Name of Artist, First Name. (Author.)
2. Title of Artwork. (Title of Source & Container.)
3. Date of creation, (Publication date,)
4. medium of artwork, (Something extra to be helpful,)
5. Title of Website, (Title of 2nd Container,)
6. URL. (Location of 2nd Container.)

Halls, Roxana. Laughing While Eating Salad. 2013, oil on linen, Roxanna Halls, roxanahalls.com/artwork/3587028_Laughing_While_Eating_Salad.html.
Image with No Author, Title, or Date
1. Medium and subject of image. (Title, or closest thing to it.)
2. URL. (Location.)*

* If the image was found in Google Images, click on the image, then click on the “View Image” button, and use the URL for the page it takes you to.
(Don’t simply right-click on the image and select “Copy image address,” because that will give you a ridiculously long Google-search-related URL that’s not the image URL.)


Print Images
1. Last Name of Artist, First Name. (Author.)
2. Title of Artwork. (Title of Source & Container.)
3. Date of creation, (Publication date,)
4. medium of artwork, (Something extra to be helpful,)
5. Title of Book or Publication Containing the Image, (Title of 2nd Container,)
6. Author of Book or Publication, (Author or 2nd Container,)
8. Publisher, (Publisher of 2nd Container,)
9. Publication date, (Publication date of 2nd Container,)
10. Page (and, if present, plate/figure) number of the image. (Location in 2nd Container.)


Online Videos
Online videos (from YouTube, Netflix, Hulu, Films on Demand, etc.) also have two containers:

1. The video information container
   • For a TV episode:
     1. Skip the Author.
     2. “Episode Title.” (“Title of Source.”)
     3. TV Series Title, (Title of Container,)
     4. Name of an actor that is discussed in your writing; otherwise omit, (Other Contributors,)
     5. Season and episode numbers, (Number,)
     6. Company producing the TV series, (Publisher,)
     7. Date the show first aired. (Publication date.)
   • For a movie:
     1. Director’s Last name, First Name. (Author.)
     2. Movie Title. (Title of Container.)
     3. Name of an actor that is discussed in your writing; otherwise omit, (Other Contributors,)
4. Company that produced the movie (e.g., Twentieth Century Fox), (Publisher,)
5. Year the movie was made. (Publication date.)

2. The video database container
   • With only elements:
     1. Video provider name (e.g., Hulu, Netflix, YouTube, Films on Demand), (Title of Container,)
     2. Video URL. (Location.)

TV Show Viewed Online

Movie Viewed Online


Movie Viewed on DVD or Blu-ray or in the Theater (i.e., not online)
   1. Director’s Last Name, First Name. (Author.)
   2. Movie Title. (Title of Source & Container,)
   3. An actor that is discussed in your writing; otherwise omit. (Other contributors,)
   4. Movie production company (e.g., Twentieth Century Fox), (Publisher,)
   5. Year movie was made. (Publication date.)

McQueen, Steve, director. 12 Years a Slave. Performance by Chiwetel Ejiofor, Twentieth Century Fox, 2013.

YouTube Video (with YouTube as the only container)
   1. “Title of Video.” (“Title of Source.”)
   2. Names of people who made the video, (Other contributors,)
   3. YouTube, (Title of Container,)
   4. Screen name or name of who uploaded the video, (something extra to be helpful)
   5. Date video was uploaded, (Publication date,)
   6. URL of video. (Location.)
