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Referencing an Image

Author, A. (Year). Title [Media Type]. Source. URL

In-text:

Aloha_Alona (2019) Zevster (n.d.)
(Aloha_Alona, 2019) (Zevster, n.d.)

Example:

As seen in the below image (Zevster, n.d.).

Reference List:


Tips:

- This format can be used for general images you find as well as clip art or stock images, note the type of image in the “[Media Type]” element.
- Stock images or photos are generic images that are created to be licensed or bought by others. Many stock images are available for free through online databases such as Shutterstock. Stock images can be subject to a number of different copyright restrictions, pay attention when selecting your image. See Copyright for more detail.
- For untitled images, include a brief description inside square brackets instead of a title (as seen in the second example).
- If there is no author listed, use the name of the Source as the author’s name. You can then leave the Source element out.
- If you are including an image, figure or table from another source in your assignment but not discussing it in text (e.g. if you are just saying “see Figure 1”), see Captioning Figures, Tables and Images.
Referencing a Photograph

Author, A. (Year). Title [Medium]. Source. URL

In-text:

Betoota Advocate (n.d.) Miranda (2014)
(Betoota Advocate, n.d.) (Miranda, 2014)

Example:

Miranda’s (2014) image is an example of a photograph that …

Reference List:


Tips:

• This format should be used for photographs.
• If you are referencing a photograph that is from a museum or gallery, use the “Referencing an Artwork” format.
• If there is no listed author, you can use the source instead (as seen in the first example). In this case, do not repeat the source after the title.
• For untitled photographs, include a brief description inside square brackets instead of a title (as seen in the first example).
• If you are including an image, figure or table from another source in your assignment but not discussing it in text (e.g. if you are just saying “see Figure 1”), see Captioning Figures, Tables and Images.
Referencing an Artwork in a Museum

Author, A. (Year). *Title [Medium]*. Museum name, Museum location. URL

In-text:
Mount (1873) (Mount, 1873)
Renoir (1881) (Renoir, 1881)

Example:
Renoir’s *Two Sisters (On the Terrace)* (1881) is an example of ...

Reference List:

Tips:
- This format can be used to cite all types of museum or gallery artwork. The type or medium of the art needs to be included in square brackets after the title.
- This format should also be used if you have viewed the artwork on the museum’s website.
- The year given should be the year the artwork was created, as supplied by the museum/museum website.
- For untitled artworks, include a brief description of the art in square brackets in place of the title.
- Museum location should be in the format City, State (if relevant), Country.
- If the artwork is not in a museum, replace all museum details with the source of your image, and include a URL (similar to Referencing an Image).
- If your image comes from a database behind a paywall, e.g. Oxford Art Online, use the database name in place of the museum details and leave out the URL (as seen in the first example).
Referencing an Infographic

Author, A. (Year). Title [Infographic]. Source. DOI/URL

In-text:

Cofield (2017)
(Cofield, 2017)

Example:

... that may host life (Cofield, 2017).

Reference List:


Tips:

• If there is no listed author, you can use the source instead. In this case, do not repeat the source after the title.
• For untitled infographics, include a brief description inside square brackets instead of a title.
• If there is no date given for the infographic, write “n.d.” instead of the year.
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- If there is no copyright indicated, you should assume it is under copyright.
- You will also need a reference list entry for the citations in your reference list.

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Figure 1
Cat with a floppy ear

Figure 2
Composition with Yellow, Red and Blue

Note. From *Composition with Yellow, Red and Blue*, by P. Mondrian, 1935/1942, Google Arts and Culture (https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/composition-with-red-yellow-and-blue-piet-mondrian/cQGiFYgQxS1cGw). Copyright Vidal Sassoon

Figure 3
Short sighted Mona Lisa

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Captioning Figures, Tables and Images

Often in a student assignment, images, figures, graphs, infographics and tables serve as effective ways to present information. These objects can either be inserted throughout the body of text, or placed after the Reference list, but before an Appendix.

All images, figures and tables that are part of the main text (not in the Appendix) should be named using Arabic numbers (e.g. Figure 1, Figure 2, Table 1...). They should be numbered in the order that they are first mentioned in the text. Only refer to tables, figures and images by using their number, not by saying “refer to the table below/above” or “see the figure on p. 3”.

The label (Figure1, Figure 2, Table 1 etc.) should be in bold and aligned to the left. The title of the image (or a brief description is there is no title) should go underneath this in italics. Under the figure, table or image you should include a note that includes the reference details for the work. You still need to include this as part of the reference list.

If the image, figure or table you are using in your assignment is from another source, you also need to include the copyright/attribution information in a note under the image.

If you are including a table that has multiple references in it, all references should be included in the notes underneath the table (as seen in example 2).

Example 1:

**Figure 1**
*Goose with small boy’s glasses.*


Example 2:


If an image, figure or table appears in the Appendix then the rules for captioning them are slightly different. In addition to numbering them, you also need to include a letter reference before the number to indicate which Appendix it belongs to. For example, the first table in Appendix A would be labelled “Table A1”, and the third Figure in Appendix C would be “Figure C3”.

If the appendix consists of only an image, figure or table, then follow the normal rules for naming appendices.
Referencing Figures, Tables and Images in a Presentation

When using images or other figures in your presentations, you still need to include a reference. However, the way you reference these resources in a presentation is slightly different to a written work, to keep them more visually appealing.

On the slide, include a figure or table number and title with the resource you are using. As seen in the example below:

**Goblins**
- Goblins are small humanoids (D&D Beyond, n.d.).
- Female goblins are sometimes called “goblettes” (“Goblin”, 2020).
- Goblins are ruled over by their King David Bowie, also known as Jareth (as seen in Figure 1).

**Figure 1**
*Jareth the Goblin King*

At the end of your presentation, before your reference list, include a list of all the figures in the presentation with the information that would normally be included (See *Captioning Figures, Tables and Images*).

**List of Figures**

Figure 1. From *Jareth the Goblin King*, by Labyrinth Wikia, n.d., (https://labyrinth.fandom.com/wiki/Jareth_the_Goblin_King). CC-BY-SA

The last slide in your presentation should be your full reference list, which should include all the resources you used in your presentation.

**References**


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