

On Citing a DVD in APA Style

1. Students should do their best to be accurate, citing the information that appears on the DVD or video, which, presumably, reflects the copyright and production information on the material itself.
2. The in-text citation must match the author slot in the reference list. If the director is listed—almost always Canter as in the following example—the director (or Canter) gets the in-text citation, not the person being interviewed. We urge students to write something like this:

In a taped interview, Piagen and Vygotskee (Canter, 2001), renowned professors of nameology, found having names similar to educational gurus hindered their own research.

3. Before formatting references for your video/DVD, you will need to review the credits to find the directors and producer for your video series. Note that as the product division of Canter has been sold to Solution Tree, recent videos may not have a director listed. In these cases, always show L. Canter as the director. Accordingly, Laureate Education, Inc., would be the producer and Solution Tree would be the publisher.

According to this information and the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (p. 210 #51 for television single episode in a series and p. 209 #49 for video), the reference list formats for video or DVD would be as follows. Note that since the web location for Canter videos is not a direct link, the location will be the city, state, and publisher. Per APA, when the exact link to the media is not available, you will use the physical location (Baltimore, MD: Publisher instead of <http://www.webaddress.com>). (MSN students: Different format required by your program.)

Name. (Director or Writer or both). (date). Program number: Name of program [DVD].

In Name (Producer), *Name of video in italics*. Location: Publisher.

Reference List for Many Older Canter Videos and Director Is Listed:

Iamadirect, R. (Director). (year). Program 3: The best program title ever [DVD]. In B.

Igwig (Producer), *The movie of the year*. Baltimore, MD: Laureate Education, Inc.

Reference List for Newer Canter Videos with No Director Listed in Credits:

Canter, L. (Director). (year). Program 3: My program title and me [DVD]. In Laureate

Education, Inc. (Producer), *The video title that changed by life*. Baltimore, MD:

Solution Tree.

Reference List for a Non-Canter Course Video:

Laureate Education, Inc. (Producer). (2006). Introduction to scholarly writing: Purpose,

audience, and evidence [DVD]. In *Walden University: Foundations*. Baltimore, MD:

Author.

Reference List for a Non-Canter Course Video with No Program Title:

Laureate Education, Inc. (Producer). (2006). *Movie title extraordinaire* [DVD]. Baltimore,

MD: Author.

In-Text Citation per the APA manual 6.11-6.12:

(Director [or producer, if director is not listed], year)

So, for example: (Canter, 2003) or (Laureate Education, Inc., 2006)

Note 1. When citing a speaker in a video or DVD, the speaker's name is NOT placed in the citation. Therefore the speaker's name MUST be used in the text of the writing with the citation for the video program directly following the name.

Note 2. In the APA manual, direct quotes from print sources MUST have page numbers or paragraph numbers. Because obviously a video/DVD program has no page numbers to

refer to, page numbers cannot appear with quotations. Your readers will recognize that the quotation comes from a nonprint source. Still, as a habit of good scholarship, you should try to minimize the number of direct quotes you use in any academic writing. Rely instead on your ability to paraphrase your sources.

Using Two or More Sources with Same Author and Date

In the parentheses, following the year, add "a," "b," and so on. Use these letters when giving the year in the in-text citation AND in the corresponding reference list.

(Canter & Winberry, 2001a) OR (Canter & Winberry, 2001b)

If No Date Appears on Your DVD

In APA style, documents or media lacking dates are abbreviated (n.d.) in the in-text citation and in the reference list.

(Laureate Education, Inc., n.d.)