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APA Style 7th Edition - Citing TikTok

TikTok/Instagram/Twitter video

- Present the name of the individual or group author the same as you would for any other reference. Then, provide the TikTok handle (beginning with the @ sign) in square brackets, followed by a period.
- Provide the specific date of the post.
- Provide the first 20 words of the caption as the title. Count a URL or other link, a hashtag, or an emoji as one word each, and include them in the reference if they fall within the first 20 words. Do not italicize emojis.
- Include the description “[Video]” in square brackets after the title.
- Credit TikTok as the site name in the source element and then provide the URL of the video.
- The format used for TikTok is also used for Instagram and Twitter.

Cook, P. [@chemteacherphil]. (2021, September 17). *Fighting fire with fire. #sciencetok #learnontiktok* [Video]. TikTok.
<https://www.tiktok.com/@chemteacherphil/video/7008953610872605957>

Washington Post [@washingtonpost]. (2019, December 3). News is all around us #frozen #newsroom #newspaper [Video]. TikTok.
<https://www.tiktok.com/@washingtonpost/video/6765886712896818437>

- *Parenthetical citations:* (Cook, 2021; Washington Post, 2019)
- *Narrative citations:* Cook (2021) and Washington Post (2019)

TikTok profile

- Unlike other social media profile pages, the TikTok page does not have a “Home” or other tabs. For the title in the reference, use the first 20 words of the description (in the example, the title is “CEO of #RockTok”). Include the notation “[TikTok profile]” in square brackets.
- If the profile page has no description in the bio, include only the bracketed description “[TikTok profile]” in the title element of the reference.
- Provide a retrieval date because the content is designed to change over time and is not archived.
- Provide the URL of the page.

The Rock. [@therock]. (n.d.). CEO of #RockTok [TikTok profile]. TikTok. Retrieved February 22, 2022, from <https://tiktok.com/@therock>

Witherspoon, R. [@reesewitherspoon]. (n.d.). [TikTok profile]. TikTok. Retrieved February 18, 2022, from <https://tiktok.com/@reesewitherspoon>

- *Parenthetical citation:* (The Rock, n.d.; Witherspoon, n.d.)
- *Narrative citation:* The Rock (n.d.) and Witherspoon (n.d.)

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