APA Format: References


General Guidelines:
- **Start References** on a new page, continuing the running head and page number; center the word References at the top.
- Include the sources cited in the text, except for interviews and other non-retrievable data.
- **Alphabetize** by the first word of the reference (the last name of the first author, or the first significant word of a corporate author, or the first significant word of the title if the work has no author). Use **initials only** for author’s first and middle names.
- Each entry also includes the year of publication, title, and publishing information.
- APA uses a hanging indent: The first line of each reference aligns with the margin; subsequent lines are indented.

Conventions:
- Use **periods** between elements and at the citation end (*except* after website URLs).
- Do not use **quotation marks** around article titles.
- Use **commas** between the names of multiple authors and the **ampersand** (&) before the last author’s name.
- Capitalize only the **first word** (and the first word after a colon) of the titles of articles and books.
- Capitalize all **proper names** and **periodical titles**.
- If it is available, include a journal issue number (in parentheses) after the volume number.
- Maintain **double-spacing** (examples below are single-spaced only to conserve space).

Examples (single-spaced here to conserve space):

**Book:**


**Journal article:**


**Magazine article:**


**Newspaper article:**


**Government publication:**


**Article or chapter in an edited book:**


**DVD:**

Unsigned entry in a reference book:


Review of a book:


Sample References page:

SHORTENED TITLE

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