

APA Format: References



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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:

Porth, C. (2005). *Pathophysiology: Concepts of altered health states*. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins.

Journal article:

Gupta, A. K., & Govindajaran, V. (2000). Managing global expansion: A conceptual framework. *Business Horizons*, 43(2), 45-54.

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Newspaper article:

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Government publication:

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. (2002). *Standard plan for the review of a reclamation plan for mill tailings sites under Title II of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Article or chapter in an edited book:

Enslin, P., & Pendlebury, S. (2002). Representation, identification and trust: Towards an ethics of educational research. In M. McNamee & D. Bridges (Eds.), *The ethics of educational research* (pp. 361-370). Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing.

DVD:

Horberg, W., Parkes, W. (Producers), & Forster, E. M. (Director). (2007). *The kite runner* [DVD]. United States: Dreamworks Video.

Unsigned entry in a reference book:

Acoustic. (1989). In J. Simpson (Ed.), *The Oxford English dictionary* (2nd ed., Vol. 1, p. 112). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Review of a book:

Felten, P. (2002). Taking Haiti seriously [Review of the book *Taking Haiti: Military occupation and the culture of U.S. imperialism, 1915-1940*, by M. Renda]. *Reviews in American History*, 30(3), 471-476.

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