APA Style Reference Pages

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General Format & Basic Rules for Most Sources

- Located at end of paper on a new page
- Double-spaced throughout and use “hanging indent” format (the first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented)
- General reference style: Titles are in sentence case; only the first word of the title and subtitle (the material after the :) and any proper names are capitalized. **If no author is given, regardless of the format, put the title in the author position.**
- Alphabetize by last name of first author of each work
- For multiple articles by the same author(s), list entries in chronological order (earliest to most recent)
- Italicize titles of longer works (books, edited collections, newspapers, etc)
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**Website:** Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). *Title of page*. Site name. URL


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**Blog post:** Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). Title of post. Publisher. URL


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