

APA References Guide

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Basics of the References Page

- The References page should be its own page at the end of the paper.
- “References” (without the quotation marks) should be centered at the top of the page.
- The list of references should be double spaced.
- Use a hanging indentation for each source. This means begin each entry with the left margin but each subsequent line is indented by half an inch.
- Alphabetize by the first term in each entry. (This is generally the author’s last name, but it could be the title of the work if there is no author)
- When referring to the titles of **books, chapters, articles, reports, webpages**, or other sources, capitalize only the first letter of the first word.

Core Elements for Books

Author. (last name, first initial)
(Year). (in parentheses)
Title of book. (in italics)
Publisher.

Core Elements for Articles

Author. (last name, first initial)
(Year). (in parentheses)
Title of article.
Title of Journal, (in italics)
Volume, (in italics)
(Issue), (in parentheses)
Page numbers.
Link (if in digital form)

Example of Book with One Author:

Lee, H. (1960). *To kill a mockingbird.* J. B. Lippincott Company.

Example of a Book with Multiple Authors:

Smith, J., & Northhouse, D. (2020). *A guide to peer tutoring.* Graywolf Press.

Examples of Journal Articles:

Smith, J. (2010). Having fun while writing a paper. *International Journal of Writing*, 13(3), 27-36.

Northhouse, D., & Smith, J. (2006). Disneyland: Guide to using a fast pass. *American Amusement Park Review*, 26(1), 22-43. www.pretendlink.org

Example of Article by an Organization with No Particular Author:

Bureau of Vacations International. (2017). *U.S. contributions to international organizations.* <https://www.state.gov/u-s-contributions-to-international-organizations/>

Example of YouTube Video with No Author:

FreePress Organization. (2017, October 8). *How to use Excel for business [Video].* YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watchfakevideo>

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