

# APA 7 REFERENCE LIST FORMAT

## Reference List

A Reference List is a list of all the articles, books, videos, speeches, and other sources that you used in your paper. The entire list and each entry in the list must be organized and formatted in a specific way (at Lynn, most professors prefer APA 7th Edition).

The purpose of a reference list is to provide sufficient information about each source so any reader is able to find the original content. It also recognizes the contributions of others to your work and shows that you have not plagiarized their work. Therefore, it is vital that the information in a reference list is accurate and complete.

## Reference List Format

- > Include only the sources you cited in your paper and every source cited in your paper must be in your reference list
- > The reference list starts on a new page after the body of your paper
- > The word "References" is centered at the top of the page and in bold (do not include the quotation marks)
- > Use double spacing (no extra lines between citations)
- > Entries are in alphabetical order by the author's last name or by the first word of the entry; ignore "A," "An," and "The"; if the first word of the entry is a number (example, 10 top websites for 2021), alphabetize by the number spelled out (example, by using the word "ten")
- > Use a "hanging indent" for each entry. A hanging indent means the second and all the following lines of each entry is indented 0.5" (in Word this is usually done in the Formatting tab under the Paragraph section under "indents and spacing" or see Microsoft Hanging Indents for more info)

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American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association: The official guide to APA style (Seventh ed.). American Psychological Association.