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CREATING THE REFERENCES PAGE

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The “references” page is an alphabetical list of bibliographic entries for each work you cited in your paper. When you do the groundwork for your paper, record citation information for each source that you use. Doing so will save much time and energy for building accurate entries on your references page as well as help you avoid unintentional plagiarism.

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- **Title** of the cited text
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FORMAT (*APA Handbook 37*)

1. The references list should begin on a new page.
2. Center and bold the title References (with no quotation marks).
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5. The entries should use a hanging indented format (which means the first line of each entry should be at the left margin and the rest of the lines should be indented half an inch).

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1. The reference list should be organized alphabetically by the first author’s surname followed by the author’s initials.
 - Put “Brown” before “Browns” because “nothing comes before something.”
2. Entries in the reference list with the same author should be organized by year of publication, starting with the earliest date.
 - Alleyne, R.L. (2001). comes before Alleyne, R.L. (2003).
3. If two entries begin with the same surname, then one-author works precede multiple-author ones, even if the multiple-author work has an earlier publication date.
 - Alleyne, R.L. (2001). comes before Alleyne, R.L., & Evans, A.J. (1999).

4. References with multiple authors but with the same first author should be organized by the second author's name..
 - Gosling, J.R., & Jerald, K.S. (2000). comes before Gosling, J.R., & Tevlin, D.F. (1996).
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REFERENCE LIST TEMPLATES (*APA Handbook* 193-225).

Periodicals

Author, A. A., Author B. B., & Author, C.C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, xx, pp-pp.

doi:xx.xxxxxxxxxx.

- Example:

Vilenius-Tuohimaa, P. M., Aunola, K., & Nurmi, J. (2008). The association between mathematical word problems and reading comprehension. *Educational Psychology*, 28, 409-426. doi:10.1080/01443410701708228

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[The association between mathematical word problems and reading comprehension](#) 

By: Vilenius-Tuohimaa, Piia Maria; Aunola, Kaisa; Nurmi, Jari-Erik. *Educational Psychology*, Jul2008, Vol. 28 Issue 4, p409-426, 18p, 5 charts, 4 diagrams; DOI: 10.1080/01443410701708228; (AN 32707902)
Database: Academic Search Premier

Books

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

- Example:

Wall, C. S. (2006). *The prose of things*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Article from a Book

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). Title of chapter. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Location: Publisher.

- Example:

Guleff, V. (2002). Approaching genre: Prewriting as apprenticeship to communities of practice. In A. Johns (Ed.), *Genre in the classroom: Multiple perspectives* (pp. 211-225). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

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- Example:

Friedman, A. (2009, October). The Polanski paradox. *The American Prospect*, 20(9).
Retrieved from <http://www.prospect.org/>

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