APA Style for References: A Brief Guide

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- Use the heading References; center the heading on the top of the first page.
- List each entry alphabetically by the first word of each citation (skip *a*, *an*, or *the* if it is the first word).
- Double space within and between each citation entry.
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- Use hanging indent if citation has more than one line.
- In titles of books or newspaper, magazine or journal articles, capitalize only the first word, the first word after a colon, and proper nouns, e.g., Gendzel example below. However, in titles of periodicals (e.g., titles of journals, magazines, or newspapers), capitalize each significant word of the title, e.g., *Journal of American Culture*.
- Give the name of the publisher in as brief a form as is understandable, omitting unnecessary words, such as Publishers, Co., and Inc., but retaining the words Books and Press.

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One author	Adams, D. (1979). *The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy*. New York, NY: Ballantine Books.
Corporate author	American Psychological Association. (2001). *Thesaurus of psychological index terms*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
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Collection or anthology	Galvin, K. M., & Cooper, P. J. (Eds.). (2006). *Making connections: Readings in relational communication* (4th ed.). New York, NY: Routledge.
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In a collection or anthology	Burke, R. J. (2006). Workaholism. In T. G. Plante (Ed.), *Mental disorders of the new millennium* (pp. 171-192)*. Westport, CT: Praeger.
In an encyclopedia or reference work	Huang, J. S., & Patrick, K. (2008). Child obesity programs. In K. Keller (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of obesity* (Vol. 1, pp. 136-139). Los Angeles, CA: Sage.
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In a journal or magazine paginated by issue	Fata, C. (2009, May-June). Double heartbreak: Do mental scars deserve military decoration? *Psychology Today*, *42*(3), 26.
	Gendzel, G. "It didn't start with Proposition 187: One hundred and fifty years of nativist legislation in California." *Journal of the West, 48*, 76-81.
In a journal or magazine paginated by volume	Mellers, B. A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Psychological Bulletin, 126*, 910-924.
In a newspaper	Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post,* pp. A1, A4.
Note: If page numbers are not contiguous, give all page numbers separated by a comma, e.g., Schwartz example above.	

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E-book with a DOI	Schiraldi, G. R. (2001). *The post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook: A guide to healing, recovery, and growth.* doi:10.1036/0071393722
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Newspaper without a DOI	Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *New York Times*. pp. F1-F2. Retrieved from http://search.proquest.com/docview/431121719/1F22C2A1822A49A3PQ/1?accountid=27372
Magazine without a DOI	Thompson, M. (2008, June). America's medicated army. *Time, 171*(24), 38. Retrieved from http://web.a.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail/detail?sid=c6fa0df8-9741-4c8e-b728-1cf18f9fcad0

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	Frazier, P., & Leslie, J. (2014). Feedback and goal-setting interventions to reduce electricity use in the real world. *Behavior and Social Issues*, *23*, 20-34. doi:10.5210/bsi.v23i0.4324

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	Mental Health America. (2007, December 12). *Factsheet: Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).* Retrieved from http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/ptsd

OTHER RESOURCES: See the *Publication Manual* for more detail. Also, Purdue University's Online Writing Lab's "APA 6th edition Style Guide," available on the GCC Library's Citing Sources webpage, has additional examples.

Art or image	Rousseau, H. (1896). *Ship in a storm* [Painting]. Musee de l'Orangerie, Paris. Retrieved from http://library.artstor.org/library/iv2.html?parent=true
Blog	Reissman, H. (2013, April 8). Rethinking the term 'illegal' immigrant: Because people can't be illegal [Web log post]. Retrieved from http://blog.ted.com/2013/04/08/rethinking-the-term-illegal-immigrant-because-people-cant-be-illegal
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Movie on a DVD	Scorsese, M. (Producer), & Lonergan, K. (Writer/Director). (2000). *You can count on me* [DVD]. United States: Paramount Home Entertainment.