

APA Style and Formatting

The Reference List

- Your Reference List accomplishes at least two things. Most importantly, it provides the basic information readers need in order to access the sources you used to write your paper. It also directs readers to sources you consider valuable to know about your subject, demonstrating the depth and breadth of your own research on the topic.

General guidelines for your Reference List.

1. The Reference List begins on the first page after the body of the paper.
2. The first letter of the word "References" is capitalized, and the word is centered at the top of the page.
3. The margins, spacing, page numbers, and manuscript heading remain the same as the body of the paper.
4. All references are listed in alphabetical order by the author's surname.
5. If there are two or more references by the same author, use the year of publication to order the references.
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