

This short video will provide you with the basic information for formatting your references page. Before we look at a couple of examples, here are some things to remember about your references list:

1. No source should appear on your references list that is not cited in your paper with in-text citations.
2. Your sources should be listed in alphabetical order but the first word of each entry.
3. Each source type has its own structure, so a book has a certain structure, as does a journal article, a magazine article, etc. You cannot memorize the structures. You simply have to look up the formatting each time you begin putting together your references.
4. Pay close attention to the capitalization rules in your references, as APA does not follow what you might perceive as “standard” capitalization for some titles.

In this short video, we cannot address all the many types of sources you might encounter, but the first three sources highlighted here provide you with an example of an article from the web, a chapter from an edited book, and a journal article.

One nice thing about following APA formatting carefully is that your readers can tell by simply looking at your references list what kinds of sources you used because of the structure and order of information.

Remember, it is important to keep a good APA resource handy as you create your references list. You may rely on the APA Manual, 6<sup>th</sup> edition or a reliable online writing lab like the Excelsior College Online Writing Lab.