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- References are arranged in alphabetical order by the author's last name or, in the case where a source has no author, by the first word in the title (ignore "A," "An" and "The").
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- Put one space after periods, commas, colons, and semicolons and indent each line 0.5 inches (excluding the first line). Double space between lines and between each entry. No period after web addresses (URLs).
- Book and article title capitalization is different in the paper itself vs. the reference list (examples below). In the reference list, capitalize the first word only, any word immediately after a colon or dash, and proper nouns.
- Retain the words, "books" and "press" when citing publishers' names. All other words (e.g., Inc., Co., and Publishers) can be omitted.

Periodicals *Section 7.01*

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Journal Article with Digital Object Identifier (DOI) *Sections 7.01.1 & 6.27*

NOTE: If there are 8 or more authors, list the first 6 author names, then an ellipsis (...), and finally the last author's name

1 Sathyanarayana, S., Karr, C.J., Lozano, P., Brown, E., Calafat, A.M., Liu, F., & Swan, S.H. 2 (2008). 3 Baby care products: Possible sources of phthalate exposure. 4 *Pediatrics*, 5 121, 260-268.
6 doi:10.1542/peds.2006-3766

KEY:

1 authors 2 date of publication 3 article title 4 journal title 5 volume & page numbers (NOTE: include issue number after the volume if each journal in the volume begins pagination on page 1) 6 digital object identifier (DOI)

Journal Article without Digital Object Identifier (DOI) *Section 7.01.3 (example from JSTOR database)*

NOTE: If no DOI is listed, give the journal home page URL. If not available, give the database home page URL.

Brubaker, R., & Laitin, D. D. (1998). Ethnic and nationalist violence. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 24, 423-452. Retrieved from <http://www.annualreviews.org/journal/soc>

Online Magazine Article *Section 7.01.8 (example from Academic Search Complete database)*

Harrell, E. (2011, February 28). Nuclear batteries. *Time*, 177(8). Retrieved from <http://www.time.com/time/>

Online Newspaper Article *Section 7.01.11*

Dunn, M. (2010, May 14). Orbiting junk threatens space station. *Houston Chronicle*. Retrieved from <http://www.chron.com>

Web Page *Section 7.11 (see the APA Style Blog at <http://bit.ly/dahbc9>)*

Lenneman, F. (2009, October 22). Raising a left-handed child. Retrieved from <http://www.oprah.com/relationships/6-Tips-for-Raising-a-Left-Handed-Child>

Electronic Book *Section 7.02.19*

Kasser, T. (2002). *The high price of materialism*. Retrieved from

<http://lscsproxy.lonestar.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/>

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Government Publication *Section 7.03.31*

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service. (2008). *Inspection & grading of meat and poultry: What are the differences?* Retrieved from http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Inspection_&_Grading/index.asp

Online Video *Section 7.11.77 - NOTE: Do not italicize the name of the post.*

CyrusNixes. (2008, September 10). Hurricane Ike – Key West, Florida [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgprt23w5Go>

Online Video *Sections 7.07.49 and 7.11.77 - NOTE: Do not italicize the name of the post.*
(example from Films on Demand database)

Films Media Group. (Producer). (2006). *Hooked: America on Meth* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://digital.films.com>

Online Video Segment *Sections 7.02, 7.07.49, and 7.11.77 - NOTE: Do not italicize the name of the post.*
(example from Films on Demand database)

Films Media Group. (Producer). (2008). Thoreau on Nature. In *The American Transcendentalists: Concord, Massachusetts*. [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://digital.films.com>

Online Photo *Section 7.11.77 - NOTE: Do not italicize the name of the post.*

Holub, T. (2009, May 15). Ponte Vecchio, Florence, Italy. [Photo file]. Retrieved from <http://www.flickr.com/photos/tholub/3533057181/>

Book with One Author *Section 7.02.18*

1 Berlinski, D. 2 (2000). 3 *Newton's gift: How Sir Isaac Newton unlocked the system of the world.* 4 New York, NY: 5 Wiley.

KEY:

1 author 2 year of publication 3 title 4 city + state or country of publication 5 publisher

Book by 2 or more authors *Sections 7.02 & 6.27*

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Steinberg, G., & Hall, B. (2000). *Inside transracial adoption*. Indianapolis, IN: Perspectives Press.

Edited book *Section 7.02*

Egendorf, L.K. (Ed.). (2009). *Organ donation*. Detroit, MI: Greenhaven Press.

Article or Chapter in an Edited Book *Section 7.02*

MacKenzie, D.L., & Shaw, J.W. (2001). Inmate adjustment and change during shock incarceration: The impact of correctional boot camp programs. In C.E. Pope, R. Lovell, & S.G. Brandl (Eds.), *Voices from the field: Readings in criminal justice research* (pp. 21-43). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Video *Section 7.07.49*

ABC News. (Producer). (2006). *Women and alcohol*. [DVD]. Available from <http://www.films.com>



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