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A works cited list is 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”). Put one space after periods and indent each line 0.5 inches (excluding the first line). Double-space between lines and between each entry.


**A Book by Two Authors** Section 5.5.4

[NOTE: if 4 or more authors, you may put the first author listed & “et al.” – for example, Jones, Robert, et al.]


**A Work in an Anthology** Section 5.5.6


**A Film or Video Recording** Section 5.7.3

[NOTE: For web video, see back of handout at bottom]


**An Article in an Online Database** Section 5.6.4

- Academic Search Complete (journal article)


- ProQuest Research Library (magazine and newspaper article example below)


- Literature Resource Center (journal reprinted in a book and published in an online database - see also section 5.5.6)

A Scholarly Journal on the Web Section 5.6.2c

A Web Page Section 5.6.2b

A Newspaper Article on the Web Section 5.6.2b

A Government Publication on the Web Sections 5.6.2c and 5.5.20

A Photograph on the Web Section 5.6.2d

A Video on the Web Section 5.6.2d

A Scholarly Journal on the Web Section 5.6.3