Creating a Reference List using APA

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- Cite ideas, theories, and/or research that have influenced your work.
- Cite sources that you have personally obtained and read.
- Cite sources when paraphrasing and when directly quoting material.

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- Your Reference List should start on a separate page from the text of your paper. Center the title Reference List (with no quotation marks, underlining, etc.) at the top of each page.
- Number the pages of your Reference List, continuing the page numbers of your text.
- The first line of each entry in your list should start at the left margin. Subsequent lines in each entry should be indented one-half inch (a hanging indent).
- All entries must be double-spaced, with no extra spaces between entries.
- Reference List entries should be alphabetized by the last name of the first author of each work.
- If you have more than one article by the same author, list them in order by the year of publication, starting with the earliest.
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