APA Formatting and Capitalization Considerations
The format of your reference entries depends heavily on the type of source you are referencing. Specific examples are provided in the following pages; first, it is important to consider some consistencies in the formatting of APA reference entries.

APA reference entries contain:
- Authors’ last names and first initials; e.g., Liotta, D.
- Publication date; e.g., (2016, February 11).
- Source Title and Publisher Name/Publication Source:
  - The title of the stand-alone (major) source should be in italics.
  - Format varies based on two factors:
    - independence of source (stand-alone or part of a greater whole)
    - location of title mention (in-text or on References list)

Formatting Source Titles In-Text and on the References List

Stand-Alone Source
Titles are italicized both in the text of your paper and on your References list.


  Used in the Text of Your Paper:
  In The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Skloot (2010) explored…

  Used on Your References List:


Source Is Part of a Greater Whole
Titles in sources that are part of a greater whole are NOT italicized. They are placed in double quotation marks only when used in in-text citations or the text of your paper.

- e.g., journal article, book chapter or e-book chapter, newspaper or magazine article, blog post, television episode, webpage, tweet, Facebook update, encyclopedia entry, etc.

  Used in the Text of Your Paper:
  In his “Misbelief” blog post, Seth Godin (2017) stated…

  Used on Your References List:

NOTE:

Titles in the text of your paper are written in **title case**: All major words are capitalized.

Titles in your References list are written in **sentence case**: Only the first word, proper nouns, and words after a colon or em-dash are capitalized.