**Learning how to make a reference list**

There are three main styles you may be asked to use during your studies to represent your learning and research:

**APA** (American Psychological Association), **MLA** (Modern Languages Association) and **Chicago** (University of Chicago Press).

**In this case, you will be using the APA style of citing sources**.

**Some language to know:**

To **cite** or **reference** something is to show that you used a source of information in your writing and presenting.

There are two places you must cite your sources:

* **In-text citation** – when you insert information about your source in your writing (the **main body** of the paper).
* **Reference List** – also known as a bibliography or citations page

**Sentence case** – when only the first letter and proper nouns are capitalized in the title of a work.

(*The strange story of Lucy: Dogs, ice cream, and Band-Aids*)

**Title case** – Each word in the title is capitalized except small words like an, to, the, but, for)

(*The Strange Story of Lucy: Dogs, Ice Cream, and Band-Aids*)

**APA Rules to follow for a reference list**

(Also called citations page or bibliography)

* starts on a new page at the end of your paper
* each source used or cited must be in the list
* title the page “References” (do NOT bold, underline, or use quotation marks)
* double-space
* use hanging indent
* alphabetize by the last name of the author
* If no author available, alphabetize by title (ignore A, An or The)
* Capitalize only the first letter in a title, unless there is also a proper noun – use **sentence case**
* Italicize titles of longer works
* Do not italicize, underline, or put quotation marks around the titles of shorter works (reference lists only - in your writing you must use quotation marks around the titles of shorter works).
* For books and articles, you must include the page numbers
	+ **p. 26 or pp. 27-35**
* Abbreviations:
	+ ed. for edition
	+ Ed. or Eds. Editors
	+ n.d. for no date of publication
* When the entry includes a URL that must be divided between two lines, break it before a slash or dash or at any other logical division point
* Remove the hyperlink to prevent the underline from appearing

Cohen, B., & Shenk, J. (Directors). (2017). An inconvenient sequel [DVD]. United States: Actual Films.​

**ASSIGNMENT –** Open a word document. Create an APA style reference list using the items included on my web page, the citation generator, Citefast.

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