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Price, D. (2018, March 23). *Laziness does not exist*. Medium.  https://humanparts.medium.com/laziness-does-not-exist-3af27e312d01

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Group name. (Year, Month Date). *Title of page*. Site name. URL

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. (2019, November 21). *Justice served: Case closed for over 40 dogfighting victims*. https://www.aspca.org/news/justice-served-case-closed- over-40-dogfighting-victims

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*Title of page*. (Year, Month Date). Site name. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from URL

*Quantum mechanics*. (2019, November 19). Wikipedia. Retrieved November 25, 2019 from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum\_mechanics

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Author. (n.d.) *Title of page*. Site name (if applicable). URL

National Alliance on Mental Illness. (n.d.). *Mental health conditions*. https://www.nami.org/Learn- More/Mental-Health-Conditions

**Online Scholarly Journal Article: Citing DOIs**

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Lastname, F.M & Lastname, F.M. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, Vol.(*Issue), page numbers. DOI

Drollinger, T., Comer, L. B., & Warrington, P. T. (2006). Development and validation of the active empathetic listening scale. *Psychology & Marketing, 23*(2), 161-180.  https://doi.org/10.1002/mar.20105

**Article from an Online Periodical with no DOI Assigned**

**If an online scholarly journal article has no DOI and is published on a website, include the URL. If an online scholarly article has no DOI and is published on a database, do not include a URL or any database information. The only exception is for databases that publish articles that are in limited circulation (like ERIC) or that are only available on that particular database (like UpToDate). You should also include the date that you accessed the article.**

Perreault, L. (2019). Obesity in adults: Role of physical activity and exercise. *UpToDate*. Retrieved January 12, 2020, from https://www.uptodate.com/contents/obesity-in-adults-role-of-physical- activity-and-exercise

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**Newspaper Article**

Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. *Title of Publication*. URL

Richards, C. (2019, December 9). Best music of 2019: Lana Del Rey sings lullabies about the end of America. *Washington Post*. https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/music/best- music-of-2019-lana-del-rey-sings-lullabies-about-the-end-of-america/2019/12/06/6e82c5ec- 15d8-11ea-a659-7d69641c6ff7\_story.html

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Lastname, F. M. (Year). *Title of book* (N. Narrator, Narr.) [Audiobook]. Publisher. URL (if applicable)

Lastname, F. M. (Year). *Title of book* [eBook edition]. Publisher. URL

**Dissertation/Thesis from a Database**

Lastname, F. M. (Year). *Title of dissertation or thesis* (Publication No.) [Doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis, Name of Institution Awarding Degree]. Database Name.

Duis, J. M. (2008). *Acid/base chemistry and related organic chemistry conceptions of undergraduate organic chemistry students*. (Publication No. 3348786) [Doctoral dissertation, University of Northern Colorado]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

**Entry in an Online Dictionary, Thesaurus, or Encyclopedia with a Group Author**

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Institution or organization name. (Year). Title of entry. In *Title of reference work*. URL

Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Braggadocio. In *Merriam-Webster.com dictionary*. Retrieved January 13, 2020, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/braggadocio

**Entry in an Online Dictionary, Thesaurus, or Encyclopedia with an Individual Author**

Lastname, F. M. (Year). Title of entry. In F. M. Lastname (ed.), Title of reference work (edition). Publisher. URL or DOI

Martin, M. (2018). Animals. In L. A. Schintler & C. L. McNeely (Eds), *Encyclopedia of big data*. SpringerLink. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-32001-4\_7-1<

**Note: If the dictionary, thesaurus, or encyclopedia does not include an edition, simply skip that step.**

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HatchMed. (2017). *8 ways to improve patient satisfaction*[Infographic]. HatchMed.com. https://www.hatchmed.com/blog/2017/1/30/8-ways-to-improve-patient- satisfaction

Google. (n.d.). [Google Map of Purdue University]. Retrieved January 12, 2020, from [https://www.google.com/maps/@40.4237095,-86.9233886,17](https://www.google.com/maps/%4040.4237095%2C-86.9233886%2C17)z

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**If an interview is not retrievable in audio or print form, cite the interview only in the text (not in the reference list) and provide the month, day, and year in the text. If the interview transcript is published in an online periodical, like a magazine, cite the interview the same way you would cite the medium where it is published, as shown below:**

Schulman, M. (2019, December 8). Peter Dinklage is still punk rock. *The New Yorker.*https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-new-yorker-interview/peter-dinklage-is-still- punk-rock

**If it is an audio file or transcript published in a database, credit the interviewee as the author and use the following model:**

Paynter, W. (1970, September 17). *Interview with Will Paynter* [Interview]. Studs Terkel Radio Archive; The Chicago History Museum. https://studsterkel.wfmt.com/programs/interview-will-paynter

**Online Lecture Notes and Presentation Slides**

**When citing online lecture notes, be sure to provide the file format in brackets after the lecture title (e.g. PowerPoint slides, Word document).**

Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). *Title of presentation* [Lecture notes, PowerPoint slides, etc]. Publisher. URL

Smith, C. (2017, October 13). *AI and machine learning demystified* [PowerPoint slides]. SlideShare. https://www.slideshare.net/carologic/ai-and-machine-learning-demystified-by- carol-smith-at-midwest-ux-2017

**Computer Software/Downloaded Software**

**Do not cite standard office software (e.g. Word, Excel) or programming languages. Provide references only for specialized software.**

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group. (Year). *Title of software* (Version No.). Publisher. URL

Maplesoft. (2019). *Maple companion* (Version 2.1.0). Cybernet Systems Co. https://www.maplesoft.com/products/MapleCompanion/

**Email**

**E-mails are not included in the list of references, though you should parenthetically cite them in your main text:**

(E. Robbins, personal communication, January 4, 2001).

**Online Forum or Discussion Posting**

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group [username]. (Year, Month Date). *Title of post* [Online forum post]. Publisher. URL

Stine, R. L. [RL\_\_Stine]. (2013, October 23). *I’m R.L. Stine and it’s my job to terrify kids. Ask me anything!*[Online forum post]. Reddit. https://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA/comments/1p32dl/

**Tweet**

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group [@username]. (Year, Month Date). *Content of the post up to the first 20 words*[Tweet]. Site Name. URL

**Note*:* If the tweet includes images, videos, or links to other sources, indicate that information in brackets after the content description. Also attempt to replicate emojis if possible.**

National Geographic [@NatGeo]. (2020, January 12). *Scientists knew African grays are clever, but now they’ve been documented assisting other members of their species—even strangers* [Tweet; thumbnail link to article]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/NatGeo/status/1216346352063537154

**Twitter Profile**

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group [@username]. (n.d.). *Tweets*[Twitter profile]. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from URL.

MLA Style [@mlastyle]. (n.d.). *Tweets* [Twitter profile]. Retrieved January 12, 2020, from https://twitter.com/mlastyle

**Facebook Post**

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group. (Year, Month Date). *Content of the post up to the first 20 words* [Type of post]. Site Name. URL

**Note: If the Facebook post includes images, videos, or links to other sources, indicate that information in brackets after the content description. Also attempt to replicate emojis if possible.**

U.S. Department of the Interior. (2020, January 10). *Like frosting on a cake, snow coats and clings to the hoodoos at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah* [Image attached] [Status update]. Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/USInterior/photos/a.155163054537384/2586475451406 120/?type=3&theater

**Facebook Page**

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group. (n.d.). *Home* [Facebook page]. Site name. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from URL

Little River Canyon National Preserve (n.d.). *Home* [Facebook page]. Facebook. Retrieved January 12, 2020 from https://www.facebook.com/lirinps/

**Instagram Photo or Video**

Lastname, F. M. or Name of Group [@username]. (Year, Month Date). *Content of the post up to the first 20 words* [Type of post]. Site Name. URL

BBC [@bbc]. (2020, January 12). *Skywatchers have been treated to the first full moon of 2020-known as a “wolf moon”-at the same time as a* [Photograph]. Instagram. https://www.instagram.com/p/B7OkWqbBwcf/

**Blog Post**

Lastname, F. M. (Year, Month Date). Title of post. *Publisher*. URL

Axelrod, A. (2019, August 11). A century later: The Treaty of Versailles and its rejection of racial equality. *Code Switch, NPR.* https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2019/08/11/742293305/a-century-later-the-treaty- of-versailles-and-its-rejection-of-racial-equality

**YouTube or other Streaming Video**

Last Name, F. M. [Username]. (Year, Month Date). *Title of video*[Video]. Streaming Service. URL

Lushi, K. [Korab Lushi]. (2016, July 3). *Albatross culture 1* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_AMrJRQDPjk&t=148s

**Note: The person or group who uploaded the video is considered the author. If the author’s name is the same as the username, you can omit the [Username].**

**Ted Talk**

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Date). *Title of talk* [Video]. TED. URL

Al-Mutawa, N. (2010, July). *Superheroes inspired by Islam* [Video]. TED. https://www.ted.com/talks/naif\_al\_mutawa\_superheroes\_inspired\_by\_islam#t-4909

**Or (if on YouTube)**

Username. (Year, Month Date). Title of talk [Video]. YouTube. URL

Tedx Talks. (2011, Nov. 15). *TEDxHampshireCollege - Jay Smooth - How I learned to stop worrying and love discussing race* [Video]. YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbdxeFcQtaU

**Podcast Episode**

Host, A. A. (Host). (Year, Month Date). Title of episode (No. if provided) [Audio podcast episode]. In Name of podcast. Publisher. URL

Prime, K. (Host). (2019, March 29). For whom the cowbell tolls [Audio podcast episode]. In *Radiolab*. WNYC Studios. https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/whom-cowbell-tolls