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Examples of Bibliography Entries

An alphabetized list of research sources, which appears at the end of your paper, gives full publication information. Commonly used formats are below.

Book with One Author

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Location: Publisher, Year of Publication.

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Lastname, Firstname and Firstname Lastname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Chapter or Article of a Book

Lastname, Firstname. "The Title of the Chapter or Article." In *Title of Book*, edited by Firstname Lastname, page-page. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

An Article in a Newspaper or Magazine

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of article." *Title of Newspaper or Magazine*, Month Day, Year of Publication.

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Lastname, Firstname. "Title of article." *Title of Journal* Issue (Year of Publication): page-page.

A Webpage

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Webpage." Website Organization, <http://Web address> (accessed Month Day, Year).

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Text

Reagan said that Soviet leaders “reserve unto themselves the right to commit any crime—to lie, to cheat” to achieve “world revolution and a one-world socialist or communist state.”¹

At the beginning of the Reagan presidency, the income tax rate was reduced by almost one quarter.²

Reagan had no prospects for a job when he graduated from Eureka College during the 1930s.³

Notes

1. Michael Beschloss, “The Thawing of the Cold War,” *Newsweek*, June 14, 2004, 41.

2. Gil Troy, “Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989,” in *The Reader's Companion to the American Presidency*, ed. Alan Brinkley and Davis Dyer (Boston: Houghton-Mifflin, 2000), 494.

3. Lou Cannon, *President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1991), 32.

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