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"References" should appear as the heading on the first page containing the list of sources consulted. Entries should begin flush left, and the second and subsequent lines should be indented 5 spaces. Double-space the entire list as indicated in the example below:


Alphabetize by author's last name. For anonymous authors or where no author is given, begin the entry with the title. Capitalize only the first word of title and subtitle and proper names. Use italics instead of underlining.