CITATION STYLE - Required Reading

In professional disciplines like information science, it is critical that we cite our sources when we base our ideas on the work of others. If we read what someone has written in an article or online, we need to include a citation. While you are at the undergraduate level and may not be a master of citation styles, it is nonetheless important to include citations when you base your writing on something you have read in another source. In information science, we use the citation style of the American Psychological Association (APA). In your discussion posts and assignments, I expect for you to cite sources using a version of APA style. The minimum information you need to include is as follows.

Author Last Name, Author First Initial. (Year of Publication). Title of Webpage/Paper. URL.

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