APA CHECKLIST

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In-Text Citations

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Title examples

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The evolution of sibling rivalry.

Reference List

My reference list is at the end of my paper formatted in correct APA style. It is titled 'References' and is arranged alphabetically by author last name. Each line after the first line of every entry is indented one-half inch from the left margin. There is a corresponding in-text citation for each reference.

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