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## DEBUNKING COMMON RESUME MYTHS

- **Resumes must only be one page long**

This standard has become more flexible. Typically for a recent graduate with limited experience in the field the one page resume standard holds true. If you returned to school to advance your career a two page resume is acceptable. Just remember, content is more important than length. Focus on accomplishments and make sure your resume is tailored for each job.

- **Employers never read cover letters**

Myth. Your cover letter can be the element to your job application that sets you apart from other candidates because it exhibits your writing skills and reveals information about you that your resume may not display to the prospective employer.

- **Your entire work history must be included in your resume**

Myth. You should only include the positions you held that demonstrate skills you can transfer to the position you are currently applying for.

- **A white lie on your resume won't hurt anybody**

It is never acceptable to lie on your resume. Employers will check and will catch your lie.

- **Stating "References available upon request" is proper resume etiquette**

It is expected you will be able to provide references to employers. Typically you provide them on a separate sheet. There is no need to make a statement on your resume about references, it only takes up valuable space you could use to showcase your skills.

- **Outstanding resume will definitely get me a job offer**

Myth. Even if you have an out-of-this-world resume, you are not guaranteed a job offer. An outstanding resume is your key to getting an interview. If you have a strong interview and the employer believes you are a great fit for the position, you may receive a job offer.



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