



Accounting Essentials

For CFA Level I Candidates

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INTRODUCTION – THE PROCESS OF ACCOUNTING

- Event
- Revenue, expense and owners' equity
- Record (journal)
- Reporting
- Summary (ledger)
- Limitations

- Report (financial statements)
- Historical cost
- Assets, liabilities and owners' equity
- Operating cycle
- Valuation
- Revenue recognition and value
- Materiality
- Matching costs, entity

BALANCE SHEET

- **Assets:** cash; short-term investments; accounts receivable; inventory; prepaids; property, plant and equipment; accumulated depreciation; investments; intangibles
- **Liabilities:** accounts payable, other current liabilities, lease liabilities, pension liabilities, deferred income taxes, contingencies
- **Owners' Equity:** preferred stock, common stock, retained earnings, foreign currency adjustment, treasury stock
- **Income Statement:** sales, cost of goods sold, operating income, earnings per share
- **Other Required Disclosures**
- **Summary:** accounting process, transaction focus, values on the financial statements

Recommended Text (not provided): *Essentials of Accounting*, Robert N. Anthony and Leslie Pearlman Breitner, 9th Edition. Prentice Hall, 2006. ISBN 0-13-149693-4. Price: \$54.

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