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**BOOKS**

**A Book with One Author**

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. *Title of the Book*. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication. Medium of publication.

**Example:**


**A Book with Two or More Authors**

**Basic format:** (for multiple authors, only reverse the first author’s name)

Author’s Last name, First name, Author’s First name Last name, and Author’s First name Last name. *Title of the Book*. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

Medium of publication.

**Example:**


**An Electronic Book from the Cerritos College Library**

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. *Title of the Book*. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

*Name of database*. Medium of publication. Date of access.

**Example:**

An Electronic Book from the Web

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. *Title of the Book.* *Title of the Overall Website.* Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication. Medium of publication. Date of access.

**Example:**


An Article in a Familiar Reference Book

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Reference Book.* edition. Date of publication. Medium of publication.

**Example:**


An Article in a Less Familiar Reference Book

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Reference Book.* Editor. # vol. Place of publication: Publisher, Date of publication. Medium of publication.

**Example:**


An Article in an Anthology

**Basic format:**

Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection.* Ed. Editor's Name(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page range of entry. Medium of Publication.

**Example One:**

An Article in an Anthology

**Example Two:** (reprinted article)


**PERIODICALS**

A Print Scholarly Journal Article

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title* volume number. Issue number (year of publication): page numbers. Medium of publication.

**Example:**


A Scholarly Journal Article from a Database

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Journal Title* volume number, Issue number (year of publication): inclusive page numbers. *Name of database.* Medium of publication. Date of access.

**Example:**


A Print Magazine Article

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Magazine Title* Day Month Year: page numbers. Medium of publication.

**Example:**


A Magazine Article from a Database

Basic Format:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Name of publication including volume number (year of publication) page number(s). Name of database. Medium of publication. Date of access.

Example:


An Article from an Online Magazine (not from a database)

Basic format:

Author’s last name, First name. “Article name.” Title of web magazine, Publisher Name, Date of Publication: page-page. Medium of publication, Date of access.

Example:


ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES

A Web Site or Page

Basic format:

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). Name of Site. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

Example:


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