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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:

Wilson, Frank R. *The Hand: How Its Use Shapes the Brain, Language, and Human Culture*.
New York: Pantheon, 1998. Print.

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:

Eggs, Suzanne, and Diana Slade. *Analyzing Casual Conversation*. London: Cassell, 1997.
Print.

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:

Hayes, Kevin J. *Road to Monticello : The Life and Mind of Thomas Jefferson*. Oxford: Oxford UP,
2008. *eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)*. Web. 30 Nov. 2011.

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:

Shakespeare, William. *Macbeth*. *Project Guttenberg*. Champaign, IL: Project Guttenberg Literary Archive Foundation, 1998. Web. 4 September 2009.

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:

Hong, Maria. "Guatemalan Americans." *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*. 5th ed. 2000. Print.

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:

La Patourel, John. "Normans and Normandy." *Dictionary of the Middle Ages*. Ed. Joseph R. Strayer. 13 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1987. Print.

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:

Gaines, Ernest J. "The Sky Is Gray." *The Oxford Book of the American South: Testimony, Memory, and Fiction*. Ed. Edward L. Ayers and Bradley C. Mittendorf. New York: Oxford, 1997. 492-516. Print.

An Article in an Anthology

Example Two: (reprinted article)

Bean, Michael J. "The Endangered Species Act Is Effective." *Endangered Species: Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. Brenda Stalcup. San Diego: Greenhaven, 1996. 73-79. Rpt. of "Naysayers Downplay Species Act Successes." *Insight*. 30 May 1994. Print.

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:

Craner, Paul M. "New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music." *Computers and the Humanities* 25. 5 (1991): 303-13. Print.

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:

May, Lisa D. "The Backfiring of the Domestic Violence Firearms Bans." *Columbia Journal of Gender and the Law* 14. 1 (2005): 1. *GenderWatch*. Web. 8 Sept. 2009.

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:

Weintraub, Arlene, and Laura Cohen. "A Thousand-Year Plan for Nuclear Waste." *BusinessWeek* 6 May 2002: 94-96. Print.

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:

Horowitz, Alexandra. "My Dog Is Smarter Than Your Dog." *Discover* 29 (2008): 71. *MasterFile Premier*. Web. 8 Sept. 2009.

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:

Bianchi, Stephanie. "Peerless Pathways to Find Peer Reviews." *Online* 33, 4, July/August 2009: n.p. Web, 08 Sept. 2009.

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:

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*. A List Apart Mag., 16 Aug. 2002. Web. 8 Sept. 2009.

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