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- TITLES that used to be underlined (books, journals, databases, etc.) are now in *italic print*. Ex.: *Student Resource Center Gold* .
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<u>TYPE OF SOURCE</u>	<u>DATA AND FORMAT</u>	<u>SAMPLE ENTRY</u>
ARTICLE FROM MAGAZINE - WITH AUTHOR	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Title of Magazine</i> Date Month Year of publication: page numbers. Medium of publication.	Antilla, Susan. "Wall Street Woos the Nation's Most Powerful Women." <i>Working Woman</i> Jan. 1985:38. Print.
ARTICLE FROM MAGAZINE – FROM ONLINE DATABASE	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Title of magazine</i> Date Month Year of publication: page numbers. <i>Database Title</i> . Medium of publication. Date of access.	Dang, Janet. "UC's Connerly, Takaki Debate Race." <i>Asian Week</i> 20 May 1998: 12. <i>Student Resource Center-Gold</i> . Web. 24 Apr. 2009.
ARTICLE FROM MAGAZINE – FROM WEBSITE	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Title of Magazine</i> Date Month Year of publication: page numbers if available. Medium of publication. Date of access. <URL>.	Mosley, Walter. "True Crime: the Roots of an American Obsession." <i>Newsweek</i> 17 Aug. 2009: n. pag. Web. 5 Aug. 2009. < <a href="http://www.newsweek.com/id/209828">http://www.newsweek.com/id/209828</a> >.
ARTICLE FROM JOURNAL	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Title of Journal</i> Volume number. Issue number (year of publication): page numbers. Medium of publication.	Iley, Karen. "The Impact of Asthma on Children's Lives: a Social Perspective." <i>Primary Health Care</i> 17.8 (2007): 25-29. Print.
ARTICLE FROM SCHOLARLY JOURNAL – FROM ONLINE DATABASE	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Title of Journal</i> Volume number. Issue number (year of publication): page numbers. <i>Database Title</i> . Medium of publication. Date of access.	Klomp, Helena, et al. "Examining Asthma Quality of Care Using a Population-Based Approach." <i>CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal</i> 178 (2008): 1013-1021. <i>Global Issues in Context</i> . Web. 24 Apr. 2009.
ARTICLE FROM SCHOLARLY JOURNAL – FROM WEBSITE	Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Journal</i> Volume. Issue (Year of publication): page numbers if available. Medium of publication. Date Month Year of access. <URL>.	Mayr, Gerald and Burkhard Pohl, D. Stefan Peters. "A Well-Preserved <i>Archaeopteryx</i> Specimen with Theropod Features." <i>Science</i> 310.5753 (2005): 1483-1486. Web. 6 Dec. 2009. < <a href="http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/short/310/5753/1483">http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/short/310/5753/1483</a> >.
ARTICLE FROM NEWSPAPER	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Title of Newspaper</i> Date Month Year of publication: page numbers. Medium of publication. <i>NOTE: If city name is not part of the title &amp; it is a local publication, add [City name] after title.</i>	Lindgren, Kristina. "Gasoline Leaks Polluting Drinking Water Supplies." <i>Los Angeles Times</i> 20 Apr. 1985: A1+. Print.
ARTICLE FROM NEWSPAPER-WEB & ONLINE DATABASE	SEE similar citation format for MAGAZINES AND DATA LISTED FOR ARTICLE FROM NEWSPAPER	
BOOK WITH ONE AUTHOR	Author Last Name, First Name. <i>Book Title</i> . City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Medium of publication.	Tuchman, Barbara W. <i>The March of Folly: From Troy to Vietnam</i> . New York: Knopf, 1984. Print.
BOOK WITH TWO AUTHORS	Author #1 Last Name, First Name, and Author #2 First Name Last Name. <i>Book Title</i> . City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Medium of publication.	Askin, Jayne, and Bob Oskan. <i>Search: A Handbook for Adoptees and Birthparents</i> . New York: Harper, 1982. Print.

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BOOK W/AUTHOR – AVAILABLE ONLINE (E – BOOK)	Author Last Name, First Name. <i>Book Title</i> . City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Title of website. Medium of publication. Date of access.	Perkinson, Robert R. <i>Treating Alcoholism</i> . Hoboken: Wiley, 2004. Gale virtual Reference Library. Web. 6 Dec. 2009.
BOOK OF ESSAYS - WITH EDITOR	Editor's Last Name, First Name, ed. <i>Book Title</i> . City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Medium of publication.	Lee, A. Robert, ed. <i>Herman Melville: Reassessments</i> . New York: Barnes, 1984. Print.
BOOK OF ESSAYS – CITING AN ESSAY W/AUTHOR IN BOOK WITH EDITOR	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Book Title</i> . Ed. Editor's Name. City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Page range. Medium of publication.	Franklin, Howard Bruce. "From Empire to Empire: Billy Budd, Sailor." <i>Herman Melville: Reassessments</i> . Ed. Robert Lee. New York: Barnes, 1984. 35-38. Print.
BOOK OF ESSAYS – CITING AN ESSAY W/ AUTHOR IN BOOK WITH EDITOR – FROM ONLINE DATABASE	Author Last Name, First Name. "Essay Title." <i>Title of Book</i> . Ed. Editor's Name. City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Page range if available. Series, if one. <i>Database Title</i> . Medium of publication. Date of access.	McMasters, Paul. "Government Restriction of Media Violence Threatens Free Speech." <i>Media Violence</i> . Ed. Louise I. Gerdes. Farmington Hills: Greenhaven, 2004. N. pag. <i>Opposing Viewpoints Ser. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center</i> . Web. 16 Dec. 2009.
E-MAIL MESSAGE, LISTSERV OR DISCUSSION POSTING	Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of message from subject line." Message to recipient Name. Date Month Year of message. Medium of delivery.	Jones, Davey. "Re: Statistics for Contra Costa County." Message to Jane Doe. 18 Aug. 2001. Email
ENCYCLOPEDIA. ARTICLE (FROM A GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIA)	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Encyclopedia Title</i> . Edition number if given or year ed. Year of publication if not in edition number. Medium of publication.	Howe, Everett D. "Solar Energy." <i>Collier's Encyclopedia</i> . 1994 ed. Print.
ENCYCLOPEDIA. ARTICLE (FROM A SUBJECT ENCY. OR OTHER REFERENCE BOOK)	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Encyclopedia Title</i> . Ed. Editor's Name. Edition number if given. Vol. Volume number. City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Page range EXCEPT if book is arranged alphabetically by topic. Medium of publication.	Allen, Anita. "Privacy in Health Care." <i>Encyclopedia of Bioethics</i> . Ed. Stephen G. Post. 3rd ed. Vol. 4. New York: Macmillan-Thomson, 2004. Print.
GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION	Author Last Name, First Name (if known – if not, use Country. Government Department and Agency). <i>Publication Title</i> . City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Medium of publication.	United States. Dept. Of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. <i>Career Guide to Industries</i> . Washington: GPO, 1992. Print.
INTERVIEW (BY RESEARCHER)	Last Name, First Name of person interviewed. Kind of interview (personal, telephone, email). Date Month Year of interview.	Mirkovich, Sue. Personal interview. 7 Mar. 2010.
VIDEO RECORDING (EDUCATIONAL)	<i>Videotape Title</i> . Prod. Producing Group Name, if appropriate. Distributor, year of release. Format (DVD, Videocassette, etc.)	<i>Drought Survival Guide</i> . Prod. Sunset Magazine, KPIX-TV, Group W Television. Lane Publishing, 1991. Videocassette.
WEBPAGE (NON-PERIODICAL, INCLUDING BLOG POSTING)	Author Last Name, First Name, if available. "Title of Web Page." <i>Full Name of Web Site if different from page title</i> . Date of posting/Last revision. Publisher or sponsor (if not available, use n. p.). Medium of publication. Date Month Year of access. <URL>.	"Computer Use Policies." <i>Contra Costa Coll. Lib.</i> 22 Feb. 2001. <i>Contra Costa Coll. Web</i> . 20 Sep. 2009. < <a href="http://www.contracosta.edu/library/compus.htm">http://www.contracosta.edu/library/compus.htm</a> >.

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