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Examine each source to find out:

Who is the author? What is the title? How was the source published? Where did you find the source? When was it published?

Book



For help with book citations, go to WorldCat database; enter ISBN and use "Cite This Item" link.

Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname. *Title of Book*. Edition if needed, Publisher abbreviated, Year published.

Example, one author:

Haenfler, Ross. *Goths, Gamers and Grrrls: Deviance and Youth Subculture*. 3rd ed., Oxford UP, 2016.

Example, two authors:

Wallace, Harvey, and Cliff Roberson. *Family Violence: Legal, Medical, and Social Perspectives*. 7th ed., Routledge, 2014.

Journal articles from library databases

When possible, provide a DOI (*Digital Object Identifier*) instead of the URL. A DOI should always bring the reader to the correct article; a URL might not.

Remember: use the database citation tools!

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, volume, issue, Publication date, pp (if there is no page number, use *n.pag.*). *Name of Database*, online DOI/ permalink/ URL where found.

Example, if DOI is not found:

McDermott, Jim. "My Inner Zombie: Living with 'The Walking Dead.'" *America*, vol. 213, no. 12, 26 Oct. 2015, p. 29. *Academic OneFile*, go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA436232268&v=2.1&u=cazc_main&it=r&p=AONE&sw=w&asid=259323757322497d07e6671fa5267b47

Example, with the DOI, and more than two authors:

Wharton, Christopher M., et al. "Weight Loss Practices and Body Perceptions Among US College Students." *Journal of American College Health*, vol. 56, no. 5, March/ April 2008, pp. 579-584. *OmniFile*, doi: 10.3200/JACH.56.5.579-584

One work from a collection (essays or poems from a book, songs from an album, etc.)

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Essay, Story, Poem or Song." *Title of Book or Album*, edited by Firstname Lastname, Publisher abbreviated, Year published, pp.

Example, essay:

Kovac, Matthew. "Body Cameras Are Helpful But Insufficient for Stopping Police Brutality." *Police Brutality*, edited by Michael Ruth, Greenhaven P, 2016, pp. 127-132.

Example, song:

Beyoncé. "Pretty Hurts." *Beyoncé*, Parkwood Entertainment, 2013, www.beyonce.com/album /beyonce/?media_view=songs.

Government documents

Paper versions will usually have the Government Printing Office as publisher. For web versions, the publisher is the department that placed the information online.

Country or State, Agency. *Title of Document*. Publishing organization, Publication date, URL where found [if online version used]

Example, book version:

United States, Census Bureau. *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2010*. 129th ed., Government Printing Office, 2009.

Example, online version:

United States, Census Bureau. *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2010*. 129th ed., United States Census Bureau, 2009, www.census.gov/library/publications/2009/compendia/statab/129ed.html

Article, chapter or section from an e-book

Author of section, if given. "Title of Chapter or Section." *Title of Book or Album*, edited by Firstname Lastname, edition, volume, Publisher abbreviated, Year published, pp. *Online source*, online DOI/ permalink/ URL where found

Example:

"Nurse Practitioners." *Career Information Center*. Edited by Kristin B. Mallegh and Joseph Palmisano, 10th ed., vol. 8, Macmillan Reference USA, 2014, pp. 197-200. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CCX3723700373&v=2.1&u=cacz_main&it=r&p=GVRL&sw=w&asid=229207236d131a34e1600c878f9eaf43

Entire e-book

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Edition if needed, Publisher abbreviated, Year published. *Online source*, online DOI/ permalink/ URL where found.

Example:

Klein, Grady, and Yoram Bauman. *The Cartoon Guide to Climate Change*. Island P, 2014. *EBook Collection (EBSCOhost)*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=778922&site=ehost-live.

Article or page from a website

For some online sources, professors may ask for "date accessed" to see when a website was consulted. See the first example here

Author(s). "Title of Webpage." *Title of Site*, Publication date, URL. [Accessed date is optional element] Accessed day month year.

Example, with an author name and date accessed:

Wagner, Katie. "The Fix – Manuscript Conservation." *Smithsonian Libraries: Unbound*, 21 Apr. 2016, blog.library.si.edu/2016/04/fix-manuscript-conservation/#.Vzzg8OSwS9Y. Accessed 8 Aug. 2016.

Example, no author given, estimated publication date:

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001)." *IMDB*, [2001?], www.imdb.com/title/tt0241527/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1.

YouTube or other online videos

"Uploaded by" and uploaded date describe who added a video to the site and when it was made available

"Title of the Video." *Title of Website*, uploaded by Firstname Lastname or username, Date uploaded, URL. [if video is part of a database or service like Hulu or Netflix, add that *Name* and the URL to citation – see 2nd example]

Example, YouTube:

"George RR Martin and Stephen King." *YouTube*, uploaded by Andy Atkins, 21 June 2016, www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_PBqSPNTfg.

Example, streaming video from CAC databases:

"Rise of the Hackers." *NOVA*, uploaded 31 Jan. 2015. *Films on Demand*, fod.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=18515&xtid=60738

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<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>