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Books	Example	Template
Book (Print) One Author	Nuccitelli, Dana. <i>Climatology versus Pseudoscience: Exposing the Failed Predictions of Global Warming Skeptics</i> . Praeger, 2015.	Last Name, First Name. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, year of publication.
Two authors	Portes, Alejandro, and Rubén Rumbaut. <i>Immigrant America: A Portrait</i> . University of California Press, 2014.	Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, Year of publication.
Three or more authors	Nevadomski-Berdan, Stacie, et al. <i>A Student Guide to Study Abroad</i> . Institute of International Education, 2013.	First Author Last Name, First Name, et al. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, Year of publication.
Book (Print) Editor	Schanbacher, William, ed. <i>The Global Food System: Issues and Solutions</i> . ABC-CLIO, 2014.	Editor Last Name, First Name, ed. <i>Title of Work</i> . Edition (if given). Publisher, year of publication.
Article or chapter in an edited book	Gershuny, Grace. "Battles for the Soul of Organic: The Grassroots versus the Suits." <i>The Global Food System: Issues and Solutions</i> , edited by William Schanbacher, ABC-CLIO, 2014, pp. 139-154.	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Chapter." <i>Title of Work</i> , editor's name, publisher, year of publication, page numbers.
An entry in an encyclopedia or dictionary	"Humor." <i>International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences</i> . Edited by David L. Sills, vol. 7, Macmillan, 1968, pp. 1-8.	Late Name, First Name (if given) "Title of Article." <i>Name of Publication</i> . Edited by First Name Last Name, volume number, publisher, year of publication, page numbers.

Electronic Book (websites or databases)	Hawking, Stephen. <i>My Brief History</i> . Random House Publishing, 2013, <i>PLS eBook Collection</i> , pls.lib.overdrive.com/20710976-2A55-435C-BD1C-2AC374EB96D4/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=22d5cae0-1c7f-454f-b1dc-8714fc43d42d.	Last Name, First Name. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, year of publication. <i>Database</i> , URL (without http//)
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Journal Articles	Example	Template
Journal article (without doi)	Imas, Alex. "The Realization Effect: Risk-Taking after Realized versus Paper Losses." <i>The American Economic Review</i> , vol. 106, no. 8, 2016, pp. 2086-2109. ezproxy.plsinfo.org:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bsh&AN=118089300&site=eds-live&custid=s8862656	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Work." <i>Title of Journal</i> , volume number, issue number, year of publication, page numbers. URL without http//
Journal article from library database (with doi)	Martin, Kimberly, Richard Galentino, and Lori Townsend. "Community College Student Success: The Role of Motivation and Self-Empowerment." <i>Community College Review</i> , vol. 42, no. 3, July 2014, pp. 221-241. <i>Academic Search Premier</i> , doi: 10.1177/0091552114528972	Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Journal</i> , volume number, issue number, date (day month and year) of publication, page numbers. <i>Name of database</i> , doi

Magazine Articles	Example	Template
Magazine article (print)	Posnick-Goodwin, Sherry. "What Do Millennials Really Want?" <i>California Educator</i> , Mar. 2016, pp. 18-23.	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Magazine</i> , date (day month and year) of publication, page numbers.
Magazine article found online	Lam, Bourree. "Is Target Losing Its Cool?" <i>The Atlantic</i> , 1 Mar. 2017, www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2017/03/target-earnings/518352/	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Magazine</i> , date (day month and year) of publication, URL without http// Date of access is optional.

News Articles	Example	Template
Newspaper article (online)	McPhate, M. "California Today: A Leaning Tower in San Francisco." <i>New York Times</i> , 14 Sept. 2016. www.nytimes.com/2016/09/14/us/california-today-sinking-millennium-tower.html	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Newspaper</i> . Date (day, month and year) of publication. URL Date of access is optional.

Websites	Example	Template
Website, Web Page, or Web Document	<p>Horrigan, John B. "Libraries 2016." <i>Pew Research Center: Internet, Science & Tech</i>, Pew Research Center, 9 Sept. 2016, www.pewinternet.org/2016/09/09/libraries-2016/</p> <p>"A Portrait of Those Who Have Never Been to Libraries." <i>Pew Research Center: Internet, Science & Tech</i>. Pew Research Center. 9 Sept. 2016. Oct 3, 2016. www.pewinternet.org/2016/09/09/a-portrait-of-those-who-have-never-been-to-libraries/</p>	<p>List as much information as you can find.</p> <p>Author/Director/Compiler/Editor/Performer. "Page Title." <i>Name of Site</i>, Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available), URL (without http:), DOI or permalink Date of access is optional.</p>
YouTube Video	<p>Adichie, Chimamanda N. "The Danger of a Single Story." <i>YouTube</i>, uploaded by TED, 7 Oct 2009. Oxford, England. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9Ihs241zeg</p>	<p>Last name, first name. "Title of Video." <i>YouTube</i>, uploaded by (Name of uploader), date. Publisher (if different from uploader). Location. Link.</p>

In Text Citations

To cite quotes and paraphrases in text use these formats:

Basic Format: (Author page number).

- **Example:** Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

Two authors

- **Example:** It has been suggested that "meditation is an often overlooked but powerful option for dispute resolution in health care" (Tompkins and Benson 36).

Three or more Authors

- **Example:** There are many theories about the Bermuda Triangle, "a magnetic irregularity that interferes with compasses, a plot by the government or some foreign power, a spatiotemporal hole, extraterrestrial activity, the influence of the mythical lost civilization of Atlantis..." (Le Carrer, et. al. 152).

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Author stated in sentence

- **Example:** Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).
- **Example:** Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

No known author

- Use the title instead.
- **Example:** We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change . . ." ("Impact of Global Warming" 6).

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