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Print Sources

Book (basic format)

Authors. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, Date of Publication.

Sebranek, Patrick, et al. *Write for College*. Great Source Education Group, 1997.

In-Text: (Sebranek et al. 29)

Work in an Anthology (a collection of essays, stories, or poems by different authors)

Author. "Title of the Poem." *Title of the Anthology*, Editor, Publisher, Date of Publication, Pages.

Plath, Sylvia. "Lady Lazarus." *The Norton Anthology of Modern Poetry*, edited by Richard Ellmann and Robert O'Clair, Norton, 1973, pp. 1295-1297.

In-Text: Plath creates an image of . . . (1296).

Articles in Periodicals: Magazines and Newspapers

Author. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Periodical*, Date of Publication, Pages.

Example of a Magazine

Naughton, Keith. "Dude, Where's My Benz?" *Newsweek*, 18 Mar. 2002, pp. 40-42.

In-Text: (Naughton 42)

Example of a Newspaper

Colvin, Richard Lee. "School Excels in Reading by Sticking with What Works." *Los Angeles Times*, 1 Apr. 2002, pp. A1+.

In-Text: Colvin disagrees. . . (A3).

Articles in Periodicals: Scholarly Journals

Authors. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Journal*, Volume, Issue, Date of Publication, Pages.

Hertzler, Anna A., and Robert B. Frary. "Family Factors and Fat Consumption of College Students." *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, vol. 96, no. 7, 1996, pp. 711-714.

In-Text: (Hertzler and Frary 712)

Electronic Sources

Electronic publication information can be found on a website's home and about page or at the top and bottom of the webpage.

Works cited entries for some electronic sources have two parts: print publication information and electronic publication information. Print information comes before electronic information. For example, an entry for an article originally published in a print journal and later to an online database would be cited as follows.

Culbertson, Jennifer B., et al. "Long Term Consequences of Residual Petroleum on Salt Marsh Grasses." *Journal of Applied Ecology*, vol. 45, no. 4, 2008, pp. 1284-1292. *Academic Search Complete*, web.a.ebscohost.com.chaffey.idm.oclc.org/ehost/detail/detail?vid=10&sid=37f7a268-3ff6-47c6-a705-aa8a4ecaf5bc%40sessionmgr4005&hid=4214&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=33017701&db=a9h.

Print information

Electronic information

DVD

Director. *Title of the Movie*. Original Release Date (optional). Producer, Version, Publisher.

Wang, Wayne, director. *The Joy Luck Club*. 1993. Produced by Oliver Stone, Widescreen, Buena Vista Home Entertainment.

In-Text: Wang expresses. . .

Government Publication Online

Governmental Agency. *Title of Publication*. Publisher, Date of Publication. Number of Congress (optional), Senate Hearing Number (optional). *Website*, URL.

United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. *Oversight Hearing on the Implementation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act*. Government Printing Office, 25 Jul. 2001. 107th Congress, Senate Hearing 107-166. *GPO*, www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-107shrg74522/html/CHRG-107shrg74522.

In-Text: (United)

Library Database: eBook

Author. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, Date of Publication. *Database*, URL.

Blank, Warren. *The 108 Skills of Natural Born Leaders*. AMACOM, 2001. *EBSCOhost*, web.a.ebscohost.com.chaffey.idm.oclc.org/ehost/detail/detail?vid=3&sid=eea9939c-c784-47e7-a5c1-b7861b578a42%40sessionmgr4004&hid=4112&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=59768&db=nlebk.

In-Text: Blank observed that . . .

Library Database: RAND California

Author. "Title of the Table." *Database*, URL.

California Highway Patrol. "Traffic, Collisions, Fatalities, and Injuries: Bicycle Involved Injuries in Ontario, CA from 2000-2013." *RAND California*, www.randstatestats.org.chaffey.idm.oclc.org/showSearchedData.

In-Text: (California)

Personal Interview

Person Interviewed. Date of Interview, Location of Interview. Description (optional).

DeLeon, Zachary. 24 Jan. 2016, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Interview.

In-Text: Zachary DeLeon admitted that. . .

Short Work from a Website

Author. "Title of the Article." *Website*, Date of Publication, URL.

Salazar, Denise. "Illegal Fireworks Cause 3 Injuries, 1 Roof Fire in Santa Ana." *Orange County Register*, 5 Jul. 2011, www.ocregister.com/articles/illegal-307038-fireworks-fire.html.

In-Text: Salazar asserts that . . .

YouTube

Speaker. "Title of the Lecture." *Lecture Series*, producer. Website, Date of Publication, URL.

Sebestia, Kenneth. "What Can Bats Teach Us About Drones?" *TedxTalks*, produced by TedxBeaconStreet. *YouTube*, 15 Dec. 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYYPTf8lP64.

In-Text: (Sebestia)

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