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A Few General Rules:

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n.p.	no place of publication given
n.p.	no publisher given
n.d.	no date of publication given
n. pag.	no page numbers given (only print sources)
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Encyclopedia

Format

Author's name. "Article title." *Publication Title*. Edition (if available). Year of publication (only if date is not part of the edition information). Publication medium.

Print Example

Beller, Steven. "Vienna." *The World Book Encyclopedia*. 2013 ed. Print.

Online Example

Beller, Steven. "Vienna" *The World Book Encyclopedia*. World Book, 2013. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Magazine Article

Format

Author's name. "Article title." *Publication Title* date of publication: page numbers. Publication medium.

Print Example

Jackson, Thomas A. "Coolest Coasters on Earth." *National Geographic for Kids* May 2013: 20-21. Print.

Online Example

Jackson, Thomas A. "Coolest Coasters on Earth." *National Geographic for Kids* May 2013. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Database

Format

Author's name. "Article title." *Publication Title* date of publication: page numbers. *Name of database*. Publication medium. Date of access.

Example

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *Historical Journal* 50.1 (2007): 173-96. *ProQuest*. Web. 27 May 2009.

Image (painting, sculpture, photograph)

Format for an original work that physically exists

Artist's name. *Title of work*. Date of creation. Institution and city where the work is housed. *Name of website*. Publication medium. Date of access.

Example for an original work that physically exists

Goya, Francisco. *The Family of Charles IV*. 1800. Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid. *Museo National del Prado*. Web. 22 May 2006.

Format for an original work that is only on the web

Artist's name (this can be a user name or an actual name). *Title of work*. Medium of work. *Title of website*. Publisher or sponsor of site, date work was posted. Publication medium. Date of access.

Example for an original work that is only on the web

brandychloe. "Great Horned Owl Family." Photograph. *Webshots*. American Greetings, 22 May 2006. Web. 5 Nov. 2009.

Personal Interview

Format

Interviewed person's name (last, first). Kind of interview. Date of interview.

Example

Jones, Patsy. Personal Interview. 24 April 2014.

Newspaper

Format

Author's name. "Article title." *Publication Title* Date of publication, edition (if given), section letter or number (if applicable): page numbers. Publication medium.

Print Example

Hirst, Ellen Jean. "Veterans of World War II Enjoy Freedom of the Skies." *Chicago Tribune* 3 Sept. 2013, sec 1: 4. Print.

Online Example

Hirst, Ellen Jean. "Veterans of World War II Enjoy Freedom of the Skies." *Chicago Tribune* 3 Sept. 2013. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Pamphlet

Format

Author's name. *Pamphlet title*. City of publication: Publisher's name, year of publication. Publication medium.

Print Example

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. *Stand Up to Cyberbullying*. Portland, OR: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, n.d. Print.

Online Example

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. *Stand Up to Cyberbullying*. Portland, OR: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, n.d. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Book with one author

Format

Author's name. *Full Book Title*. Edition (if stated). Volume number(s) (if a multivolume work). City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Publication Medium.

Example

Gars, Steven E. *The Secret Files of Professor L. Otto Funn: Or, Stop Being a Slug, Open this Book, and Make Your Brain Happy*. Chicago: World Book, 2013. Print.

Book with 2 or more authors

Format

First author's name (last, first) and second author's name (first last). *Full Book Title*. Edition (if stated). Volume number(s) (if a multivolume work). City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Publication Medium.

Example

Gates, Henry L., and Evelyn B. Higginbotham, eds. *African American National Biography*. 8 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. Print.

Book that is a part of a series

Format

First author's name (last, first) and second author's name (first last). *Full Book Title*. Edition (if stated). Volume number(s) (if a multivolume work). City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Publication Medium. Title of book series

Example

Midthun, Joseph, and Samuel Hiti. *Force and Motion*. Chicago: World Book, 2012. Print. Building Blocks of Science.

Government Publication

Format

Government name. Issuing agency name. *Publication title*. City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Publication medium.

Print Example

United States. Census Bureau. *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2012*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011. Print.

Online Example

United States. Census Bureau. *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2012*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Radio or Televisions Program

Format

“Episode of segment title.” Program title. Name of network. Call letters, city of local station (if any), broadcast date. Medium of reception (Radio or Television).

Example

“Can Hunting Endangered Animals Save the Species?” *60 Minutes*. CBS. KBNZ, Bend, 29 Jan. 2012. Television.

Film or Video Recording

Format

Title of film or video recording. Director (if given). Original release date (if relevant). Distributor, year of release. Publication medium.

Example

Inside the Milky Way. Dir. Duncan Copp. National Geographic, 2010. DVD.

Blog

Format

Author’s name. “Title of individual blog entry.” *Title of blog*. Date posted. Publication medium. Date accessed.

Example

World Book. “Attack of the Giant Snails.” *World Book Blog: Yesterday and Today*. 16 April. 2013. Web. 4 Sept. 2013.

Tweet

Format

Author’s real name (user name). “Text of tweet.” Day month year, time of tweet. Publication medium.

Example

Athar, Sohaib (ReallyVirtual). “Helicopter hovering above Abbottabad at 1AM (is a rare event).” 1 May 2011, 3:58 p.m. Tweet.

eBook on a digital device

Format

Author's name. *Full Book Title*. Edition (if stated). Volume number(s) (if a multivolume work). City of publication: Publisher, year of publication. File format (PDF, Kindle file, e-pub, etc).

Example

Hanson, Thor. *Feathers: the Evolution of a Natural Miracle*. New York: Basic Books, 2011.
Kindle file.

eBook on the Internet

Format

Author's name. *Full Book Title*. Edition (if stated). Volume number(s) (if multi-volume work). City of publication: Publisher's name, year of publication. *Title of database or website*. Publication medium. Date of access.

Example

Wharton, Edith. *The Age of Innocence*. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1920. *World Book Advanced*. Web. 4 Sept. 2013.

Website

Format

Author's name. "Article or webpage title." *Website title*. Publisher or sponsor of site, date of publication. Publication medium. Date of access.

Example

Maney, Patrick J. "Roosevelt, Eleanor." *World Book Student*. World Book, 2013. Web. 4 Sept. 2013.
"More Information About: William Shakespeare." *BBC History*. BBC, 2014. Web. 27 Apr. 2014.

Podcast accessed on the web

Format

"Description of title of individual podcast." *Title of podcast program or series*. *Title of Website* (if different from the title of podcast or series). Publisher of podcast, date of publication. Publication medium. Date of access.

Example

"Some Rattlesnakes Losing Their Warning Rattle in S. Dakota." *All Things Considered*. National Public Radio, 29 Aug. 2013. Web. 4 Sept. 2013.

Podcast stored on a computer or other device

Format

“Description of title of individual podcast.” *Title of podcast program or series. Title of Website* (if different from the title of podcast or series). Publisher of podcast, date of publication. Description of digital file (if unknown, use Digital File).

Example

“Some Rattlesnakes Losing Their Warning Rattle in S. Dakota.” *All Things Considered*. National Public Radio, 29 Aug. 2013. MP3 file.