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### **Books**

Book by a single author	Wilson, Frank R. <u>The Hand: How Its Use Shapes the Brain, Language, and Human Culture</u> . New York: Pantheon, 1998.
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Book by more than three authors	Gilman, Sander, et al. <u>Hysteria beyond Freud</u> . Berkley: U of California P, 1993.
Book by a corporate author	American Medical Association. <u>The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine</u> . New York: Ransom, 1989.
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Book with an editor (when citing the editor's work)	Bowers, Fredson, ed. <u>The Red Badge of Courage: An Episode of the American Civil War</u> . By Stephen Crane. 1895. Charlottesville: UP of Virginia, 1975.
Book with an editor (when citing the author's work)	Crane, Stephen. <u>The Red Badge of Courage: An Episode of the American Civil War</u> . 1895. Ed. Fredson Bowers. Charlottesville: UP of Virginia, 1975.
Translation	Homer. <u>The Odyssey</u> . Trans. Robert Fagels. New York: Viking, 1996.

Book in a series	Wilson, Sharon R., Thomas B. Friedman, and Shannon Hengen, eds. <u>Approaches to Teaching Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale and Other Works</u> . Approaches to Teaching World Lit. 56. New York: MLA, 1996.
Work in an anthology	More, Hannah. "The Black Slave Trade: A Poem." <u>British Women Poets of the Romantic Era</u> . Ed. Paula R. Feldman. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1997. 472-82.
Article, reprinted in an anthology	Pollitt, Katha. "Adoption Fantasy." <u>The Nation</u> 8 July 1996 Rpt. In <u>Adoption: Opposing Viewpoints</u> . Ed. Roman Espojo. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2002. 38-41.
Article in an encyclopedia with an author	Mohanty, Jitendra M. "Indian Philosophy." <u>The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia</u> . 15 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1987.
Article in an encyclopedia without an author	"Ginsburg, Ruth Bader." <u>Who's Who in America</u> . 52 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 1998.
Article in encyclopedia not commonly known	Allen, Anita L. "Privacy in Health Care." <u>Encyclopedia of Bioethics</u> . Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. Ed. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 1995.
Definition from a dictionary	"Noon." Def. 4b. <u>Webster's Third New International Dictionary</u> . 1986.

***Electronic Resources***

Web site	Dawe, James. <u>Jane Austin Page</u> . 15 Sept. 1998  < <a href="http://nyquist.ee.ualberta.ca/~dawe/austen.html">http://nyquist.ee.ualberta.ca/~dawe/austen.html</a> >.
Web site (URL for specific page not given or excessively long)	"This Day in History: August 20." <u>History Channel.com</u> . 2002.  History Channel. 14 May 2002 < <a href="http://historychannel.com/">http://historychannel.com/</a> >.  Path: Technology History; This Day in Technology History.
1 Article in a journal database	Goldberg, Jonah. "Man Bites Dog." <u>National Review</u> 9 Dec. 2002: 28-9. <u>Wilson Select Plus</u> . First Search. Illinois Central Coll. Lib., East Peoria, IL. 10 Dec. 2003  < <a href="http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org">http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org</a> >.
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3 Article in a reference work in a database	"Of Mice and Men." <u>Masterplots</u> . Rev. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 1996. <u>Magill on Literature</u> . EBSCO. Illinois Central Coll. Lib., East Peoria, IL. 12 Dec. 2003 < <a href="http://search.epnet.com">http://search.epnet.com</a> >.
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5 Article in a newspaper database	Erickson, Kurt. "New rules proposed for sex offenders." <u>Pantagraph</u> [Bloomington] 8 Mar. 2003: A3. <u>News</u> . Lexis-Nexis. Illinois Central Coll. Lib., East Peoria, IL. 12 Dec. 2003  < <a href="http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe">http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe</a> >.
6 Article in an encyclopedia database	"Dog." <u>Encyclopedia Britannica Online</u> . 2003. Encyclopedia Britannica. 12 Dec. 2003 < <a href="http://search.eb.com">http://search.eb.com</a> >.
7 CQ Researcher Online	Marshall, Patrick. "Cybersecurity." <u>CQ Researcher Online</u> . 26 Sept. 2003. <u>CQ Researcher</u> . Illinois Central Coll. Lib., East Peoria, IL. 15 Dec. 2003 < <a href="http://library.cqpress.com">http://library.cqpress.com</a> >.

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ASTA	<a href="http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org">&lt;http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org&gt;</a>	1,2
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Business Source Elite	<a href="http://search.epnet.com">&lt;http://search.epnet.com&gt;</a>	1,2
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Contemporary Authors & Literary Criticism	<a href="http://www.galenet.com">&lt;http://www.galenet.com&gt;</a>	1,2,4
CQ Researcher	<a href="http://library.cqpress.com">&lt;http://library.cqpress.com&gt;</a>	7
ECO	<a href="http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org">&lt;http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org&gt;</a>	1,2
Encyclopedia of Life Science	<a href="http://els.net">&lt;http://els.net&gt;</a>	6
Eric (in FirstSearch)	<a href="http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org">&lt;http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org&gt;</a>	
Eric (in EBSCOhost)	<a href="http://search.epnet.com">&lt;http://search.epnet.com&gt;</a>	1,2
FactSearch	<a href="http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org">&lt;http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org&gt;</a>	1,2
Harper's Weekly	<a href="http://app.harpweek.com">&lt;http://app.harpweek.com&gt;</a>	1
Health Source (Consumer Edition)	<a href="http://search.epnet.com">&lt;http://search.epnet.com&gt;</a>	1,2
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MagillOnAuthors	<a href="http://search.epnet.com">&lt;http://search.epnet.com&gt;</a>	3
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OED	<a href="http://dictionart.oed.com">&lt;http://dictionart.oed.com&gt;</a>	6
PDR	<a href="http://pdrel.thomsonhc.com">&lt;http://pdrel.thomsonhc.com&gt;</a>	6
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Regional Business News	<a href="http://search.epnet.com">&lt;http://search.epnet.com&gt;</a>	5
SocialSciAbs	<a href="http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org">&lt;http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org&gt;</a>	1,2
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### *Articles*

Article in a scholarly journal with continuous pagination	White, Sabina, and Andrew Winzelberg. "Laughter and Stress." <u>Humor</u> 5 (1992) : 343-55.
Article in a scholarly journal that pages issues separately	Vickery, Laurie. "The Politics of Abuse: The Traumatized Child in Toni Morrison and Marguerite Duras." <u>Mosaic</u> 29.2 (1996): 91-109.
Article in a magazine	Mehta, Pratap Bhanu. "Exploding Myths." <u>New Republic</u> 6 June 1998: 17-19.
Article with no author	"It Barks! It Kicks! It Scores!" <u>Newsweek</u> 30 July 2001: 12.
Article in a newspaper	Guetersloh, M. K. "2 Want to Fill County Clerk Job." <u>Pantagraph</u> [Bloomington] 8 Dec. 2003: A3.
Editorial	Parker, Kathleen. "Justice Shouldn't be Black or White." Editorial. <u>Pantagraph</u> [Bloomington] 8 Dec. 2003: A8.
Review	Kauffmann, Stanley. "A New Spielberg." Rev. of <u>Schindler's List</u> , dir. Steven Spielberg. <u>New Republic</u> 13 Dec. 1993: 30.

### *Media*

DVD	<u>It's a Wonderful Life</u> . Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. 1946. DVD. Republic, 1998.
Videocassette	<u>Rashomon</u> . Dir. Akira Kurosawa. 1950. Videocassette. Embassy, 1986.

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