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Type of Work	Citation Example
Book, one author	Wood, Michael. <i>In Search of England: Journeys into the English Past</i> . U of California P, 1999.
Book, two authors	Eschholz, Paul, and Alfred Rosa. <i>Subjects/Strategies: A Writer's Reader</i> . Bedford / St. Martin's, 2002.
Book, three + authors/eds.	Brambilla, Chiara, et al., editors. <i>Borderscaping: Imaginations and Practices of Border Making</i> . Ashgate, 2007.
Book, corporate author	United Nations. <i>Consequences of Rapid Population Growth in Developing Countries</i> . Taylor and Francis, 1991. If the publisher and corporate author are the same, begin with the title: <i>Learning Through the Arts</i> . National Endowment for the Arts, 2002.
Book, other contributors	Euripides. <i>The Trojan Women. Ten Plays</i> , Translated by Paul Roche, New American Library, 1998, pp. 457-512.
Book, edition or version	Sadie, Stanley, editor. <i>The Grove Book of Authors</i> . Revised by Laura Macy, 2 nd ed., Oxford UP, 2006.
Book, in a series	Neruda, Pablo. <i>Canto General</i> . Translated by Jack Schmitt, U of California P, 1991, p. 10. Latin American Literature and Culture 7.
A Work in an Anthology or Compilation	Heaton, John W. "Athabaskan Village Stores: Subsistence Shopping in Interior Alaska in the 1940s." <i>Race and Retail: Consumption Across the Color Line</i> , edited by Mia Bay and Ann Fabian, Rutgers UP, 2015, pp. 123-140.
Work in a volume	Howells, W. D. <i>Their Wedding Journey</i> . Edited by John K. Reeves, 1968. <i>A Selected Edition of W. D. Howells</i> , general editor, Edwin H. Cady, vol. 5, Indiana UP, 1968-83.
Anonymous Article	"The Decade of the Spy." <i>Newsweek</i> 7 Mar. 1994: 26-27.
Graphic Novel	Butcher, Jim. <i>Storm Front: The Gathering Storm</i> . Adapted by Mark Powers, illustrated by Ardian Syaf, vol. 1, Ballantine Books, 2010. Jim Butcher's the Dresden Files.
Dictionary Entry	"Critical." <i>The Oxford English Dictionary</i> . 2 nd ed. 1989.
Encyclopedia Article	"Navajo." <i>The Encyclopedia Americana</i> . 1999 ed.
Government Document	United States, Congress, House, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. <i>Al Qaeda: The Many Faces of an Islamist Extremist Threat</i> . Government Printing Office, 2006.
Article in a Journal or Magazine (print)	Somers, Joseph Michael. "Godey's Lady's Book: Sarah Hale and the Construction of Sentimental Nationalism." <i>College Literature</i> , vol. 37, no. 3, Summer 2010, pp. 43-61.
Newspaper Article (print)	Krugman, Andrew. "Fear of Eating." <i>New York Times</i> , 21 May 2007, late ed., p. A1.
Lecture /Performance	Gore, Al. "The Case for Optimism on Climate Change." Ted2016 conference, 29 Feb. 2016, Rogers Arena, Vancouver.
Artwork	Mondrian, Piet. <i>Broadway Boogie Woogie</i> . 1942-43, Museum of Modern Art, New York.



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E-Book	Hawthorne, Nathaniel. <i>The Scarlet Letter: A Romance</i> . Henry Altemus, 1892. <i>HathiTrust Digital Library</i> , cat.hathitrust.org/Rec/0.
Blog	Gershman, Jacob. "It's Fourth and Long for Tom Brady." <i>Wall Street Journal Law Blog</i> , 13 July 2016, wsj.com/2a0tIOr.
Article from a Website	"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." <i>WebMD</i> , 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview.
Website, Comments	Carl. Comment on "3 Vow to Force Arizona Utilities to Disclose Political Spending." <i>Tucson.com</i> , 21 Jul. 2016, 10:30 p.m., tucson.com/business/tucson/vow-to-force-arizona-utilities-to-disclose-political-spending/article_dd5d59a3-9387-5f10-8037-3da2d32a1f23.html.
Tweet (Use the entire Tweet as the title)	@hopefulactivist. "Protest has turned violent towards the police - #cityprotest." <i>Twitter</i> , 21 June 2015, 11:15 a.m., twitter.com/hopefulactivist/status/229811278.
YouTube Video	"8 Hot Dog Gadgets put to the Test." <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by Crazy Russian Hacker, 6 June 2016, www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBlpjSEtELs.
Podcast	"Best of Not My Job Musicians." <i>Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!</i> from NPR, 4 June 2016, www.npr.org/podcasts/344098539/wait-wait-don-t-tell-me.
Email message	Doyle, Lisa. "RE: Our Research on Steinbeck." Received by Mike Potter, 21 June 2014.
Motion Picture	Scott, Ridley, director. <i>Blade Runner</i> . 1982. Performance by Harrison Ford, director's cut, Warner Bros., 1992.
TV Episode	"94 Meetings." <i>Parks and Recreation</i> , season 2, episode 21, NBC, 29 Apr. 2010. <i>Netflix</i> , www.netflix.com/watch/?trackId=6845.
TV Series	Daniels, Greg and Michael Schur, creators. <i>Parks and Recreation</i> . Deedle-Dee Productions and Universal Media Studios, 2015.
Video from a library database	Van der Post, Laurens, host. <i>The Story of Carl Gustav Jung</i> . BBC, 1998. <i>Films on Demand</i> , www.infobase.com.gfcmu.edu/PortalPlaylists.aspxID=102587&xtid=7331.
Music Online	Beyoncé. "Pretty Hurts." <i>Beyoncé</i> , Parkwood Entertainment, 2013, www.beyonce.com/album/beyonce/media_view=songs.
DVD	"Rebirth." <i>Futurama: Volume 5</i> , created by Matt Groening, Twentieth Century Fox, 2010, disc. 1.



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Works Cited

“Disease.” *Parasites - Trichinellosis (also known as Trichinosis)*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8 Apr. 2012, www.cdc.gov/parasites/trichinellosis/disease.html.

Huber, Suzanne. “The Impact of Food Allergies on Social and Emotional Development.” *Childhood Psychological Disorders: Current Controversies*, edited by Alberto M. Bursztyn, Praeger, 2011, pp. 143-66.

Letizia, Joan. “Trichinosis.” *Infectious Diseases & Conditions*, edited by H. Bradford Hawley, vol. 3, Salem P, 2012, pp. 1073-75. Salem Health. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CCX4003300570&v=2_main&it=r&p=GVRL&sw=w&asid=180d7f1f6f628dbc4b10a8.

Seuss, Dr. *Green Eggs and Ham*. Beginner-Random, 1988.

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“What is Salmonellosis.” *Salmonella*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5 Apr. 2012, www.cdc.gov/salmonella/general/index.html.

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De Sica, Vittorio

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Some researchers strongly dispute the Committee’s conclusion (Smith and Jones 10).

Author name as part of a sentence: **Smith and Jones dispute the Committee’s conclusion (10).**

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More examples:

One, or two authors	(Jones 7), (Dunn and Diaz 44), (Lott, Bok, and Till 9)
Organization as an author	(United States, Dept. of Labor 221)
Three or more authors	(Phipps et al. 45)
No page number	(Jones)
No author- use the first word of the source	(Infrastructure 3)
To clarify the author, if necessary	(N. Smith 9)
Using more than one work from one author	(Smith “Project” 194)
If information in a paragraph comes from different pages in the same work	(Smith 6, 8)
If the information comes from multiple sources	(Smith 6; Jones 55)
Plays	(Miller 9; act 1)
Identifying location in film or video	(Big Bang 00:03:16)

Example of in-text citations:

In Dr. Seuss’s book, children are encouraged to eat green eggs and ham (Seuss “Green” 56-62). Neither eggs nor ham is naturally green, and this color should alarm parents. When eggs are not refrigerated, the infectious disease Salmonellosis is a big concern. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that some victims will feel “pain in their joints, irritation of the eyes, and painful urination” (“What”). There are similar concerns about green ham. Letizia describes how undercooked pork can carry a deadly parasite, resulting in Trichinosis (1073). In severe cases, its victims “may have trouble coordinating movements, and have heart and breathing problems.” Death is rare, but does occur (“Disease”). If the child avoids this infection, he or she still might experience a dangerous allergic reaction (Huber 147, 16).