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| 1 author | (Robinson 67) Robinson asserts that ... (67). |
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| 3 or more authors | (Baxter et al. 45) |
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Authors, Books & e-Books

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| 1 Author | Robinson, Eden. <i>Son of a Trickster</i> . Knopf, 2017. |
| 2 Authors | Schultz, Jeffrey, and Luchen Li. <i>Critical Companion to John Steinbeck: A Literary Reference to His Life and Work</i> . Facts on File, Inc., 2005. |
| 3 or more Authors | Baxter, Gisele Marie, et al. <i>Blast, Corrupt, Dismantle, Erase: Contemporary North American Dystopian Literature</i> . Wilfred Laurier UP, 2014. *Use the abbreviation U for University, P for an academic press |
| Editor as author | Lecker, Robert, editor. <i>Open Country: Canadian Literature in English</i> . Thomson Nelson, 2008. |
| Corporate author | <i>MLA Handbook</i> . 3 rd ed., Modern Languages Association of America, 2016. *When the Corporate author and the publisher are the same, the title is listed first, and the corporate author is listed as the publisher. |
| eBook from a database | Irwin, John T. <i>F. Scott Fitzgerald's Fiction: 'An Almost Theatrical Innocence'</i> . Johns Hopkins UP, 2014. <i>EBSCOhost</i> , cclsw2.vcc.ca/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=662214&site=eds-live&scope=site. |
| Chapter or article from an edited book – include Permalink if from a database | Stapleton, Patricia A. "Suicide as Apocalypse in <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> ." <i>Margaret Atwood's Apocalypses</i> , edited by Karma Waltonen, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015, pp. 27-39. <i>EBSCOhost</i> , cclsw2.vcc.ca/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=939558&site=eds-live&scope=site. |
| Edition of a book | Mays, Kelly J., editor. <i>The Norton Introduction to Literature</i> . Portable 12 th ed., W.W. Norton & Company, 2017. |
| A government publication | Anderson, Thomas, and Amanda Thompson. <i>Aboriginal Peoples Survey, 2012: Assessing the Social Determinants of Self-Reported Inuit Health in Inuit Nunangat</i> . 89-653, Statistics Canada, 2016, www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-653-x/89-653-x2016009-eng.pdf . |

Encyclopedias & General Reference Works

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| Encyclopedia article | Bickford, Ian. "Jack Kerouac." <i>Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature</i> , edited by Jay Parini, vol. 2, Oxford UP, 2004, pp. 364-374. |
| Online encyclopedia article | "August Wilson." <i>Britannica Academic</i> , Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2017, academic.eb.com/levels/collegiate/article/August-Wilson/2924 . |
| Reference Work article- no author | "Courage: Anne Sexton." <i>Poetry for Students</i> , edited by Anne Marie Hacht, vol. 14, Gale, 2002, pp. 124-136. |

Videos & Films:

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| Streaming video | Eggers, Dave. <i>My Wish: Once Upon a School</i> . TED, 2008, www.ted.com/talks/dave_eggers_makes_his_ted_prize_wish_once_upon_a_school?utm_campaign=tedsread--b&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare . |
| Streaming video from database | <i>Gang of Souls: A Generation of Beat Poets</i> . <i>Films on Demand</i> , 1989, fod.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wid=107055&xtid=50896 . |
| Film | <i>Arrival</i> . Directed by Denis Villeneuve, performances by Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner, and Forest Whitaker, Paramount Pictures, 2016. |

Articles from Journals, Magazines & Newspapers

Core elements to include in your citation for a journal, magazine or newspaper article:

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Edition, vol., no., Date, page. Database,
Permalink/URL.

| Article in a Scholarly Journal | |
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| Database | Root, Christina. "A Melodiousness at Odds with Pessimism: Ian McEwan's <i>Saturday</i> ." <i>Journal of Modern Literature</i> , vol. 35, no. 1, 2011, pp. 60–78. <i>JSTOR</i> , www.jstor.org/stable/10.2979/jmodelite.35.1.60 . |
| Website | Schlumpf, Erin Shevaugn. "Historical Melancholy, Feminine Allegory." <i>Differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies</i> , vol. 27, no. 3, Duke UP, 2016, pp. 20-44, doi: 10.1215/10407391-3696619. Accessed 12 Sept. 2017. <small>*The date you accessed the resource is not a required element. Only include if your instructor has asked for this information.</small> |
| Print | Raschke, Debrah. "Margaret Atwood's <i>MaddAddam</i> Trilogy: Postmoderism, Apocalypse, and Rapture." <i>Studies in Canadian Literature</i> , vol. 39, no. 2, 2014, pp. 22-44. |

| Article in a Magazine / Newspaper | |
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| Database | Intini, John. "Michael Ondaatje, the Songwriter?" <i>Maclean's</i> , vol. 123, no. 16, 3 May 2010, p. 74. <i>ProQuest</i> , cclsw2.vcc.ca/login?url=https://search.proquest.com/docview/218525458?accountid=37653 . |
| Website | Young, Ryan. "Meet the High Schooler Shaking Up Artificial Intelligence." <i>Wired</i> , 26 Oct. 2017, www.wired.com/story/meet-the-high-schooler-shaking-up-artificial-intelligence/ . |
| Print | Abel, Allen. "Dreams of Canada." <i>Maclean's</i> , July 2017, pp. 29-44. LeBlanc, Daniel. "Ottawa to Rework Tax Changes to Target Top Earners." <i>The Globe & Mail</i> , 16 Oct. 2017, pp. A1+. <small>*The + sign indicates non-consecutive pages in a newspaper.</small> |

Websites

Core Elements:

Author. "Title of web page/section/article." *Title of overall website*, Other contributors, Version or edition, Number, Publisher, Date of publication, URL.

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| Webpage | Beer, Theresa. "Making Waves in Ocean Conservation." <i>David Suzuki Foundation</i> , 14 Dec. 2017, davidsuzuki.org/story/making-waves-ocean-conservation/ . * omit http:// or https:// from the URL * only include the date accessed at the end of your citation, if there is no date on the webpage or if your instructor has requested this information, e.g. Accessed 12 July 2017. |
| Webpage - no author | "Allan Ginsberg." <i>Poetry Foundation</i> , 2017, www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/allen-ginsberg . |
| Entire website- no author | <i>William Shakespeare, His Life, Works and Influence</i> . 2015, www.WilliamShakespeare.net . |

Image or Photograph

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| An image or photograph from the Internet | Lindsay, Jack. "Exterior of the Stanley Theatre Showing a Close Up View of the Marquee with Advertising for <i>Duel in the Sun</i> ." <i>City of Vancouver Archives</i> , 1948, searcharchives.vancouver.ca/exterior-of-stanley-theatre-showing-close-up-view-of-marquee-with-advertising-for-duel-in-sun . |
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