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Works Cited: The Core Elements

- The following elements should appear in this order for any source you cite.
- Any element that is not relevant to the work being cited should be left out.
- All citations should be double spaced, with a half-inch indent after the first line.
- Include the correct punctuation (comma or period) after each element.
- There is often more than one correct way to cite a source.

1. Author.
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

Below is the citation template to follow.

Author. Title of source. Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location.
1.) Author.

**Author.** Title of source. Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location.

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**One Author:** Last name, First Name.


**Two Authors:** Last name, First name, and First name Last name.


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**Three or More Authors:** Last name, First name, et al.


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**Important:** The term “Author” can also refer to the main person or group of people responsible for the aspect of the work you are focusing on (such as an editor, translator or director).


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**Pseudonyms and Other Usernames:** Use like regular author names.

*@POTUS.* "Congrats Carla Hayden, our newest Librarian of Congress! Her confirmation is certainly one for the history books." *Twitter,* 13 July 2016, 6:38 p.m., twitter.com/POTUS/status/753403382744.
Corporate Author: Use the organization name (school, non-profit etc.) as the author.


2) Title of source.

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If a source is self-contained and considered a whole unto itself (e.g. a book, collection of short stories, film, entire television series etc.) set it in italics.

Book


Television series


Website


If a source is a part of a larger whole (e.g. a book chapter, short story in a book, television episode etc.) place in quotation marks.

Short Story (part of a collection of short stories)


Television episode (part of a series)

Website article (part of a website)

Periodical article (part of a journal, magazine or newspaper)

Untitled source: Provide a generic description. Do not italicize or put in quotes.

Short untitled message: Write out the whole message in quotation marks.
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If the source you use is part of a greater whole, this greater whole can be thought of as the container of the source. A container could be a book containing a collection of stories, a television series, a journal containing journal articles etc. It is usually italicized.

Note: A source that is a whole unto itself (a whole book, a whole website, an entire television series) is considered self-contained. The “title of container” is irrelevant in these cases and is left out.

One container

Book (container for a collection)

Periodical (journal, magazine, newspaper - container for articles)

Television series (container for episodes)
“Drive.” The X-Files, season 6, episode 2, 20th Century Fox, 15 November 1998.

Website (container for articles, images, video etc.)
More than one container

One container can be embedded in a larger container. For example, a journal may be housed in a database, a television show may be watched on Hulu, and a book that was originally a print book is now available on Project Guttenberg. It is important to list all containers in your citation to let your reader know where you found your source.

This article appeared in the journal *Plos ONE*, and was located in the database *Academic Search Complete*.

| 1.) Author.      | Yamamoto, Rinah, et al. |
| 2.) Title of source. | "Gender Differences in the Motivational Processing Of Babies Are Determined by Their Facial Attractiveness." |

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3.) Title of container, *Plos ONE*,
4.) Other contributors,
5.) Version,
6.) Number, vol. 4, no.6,
7.) Publisher,
8.) Publication Date, June 2009,
9.) Location, pp. 1-4.

**CONTAINER 2**

3.) Title of container, *Academic Search Complete*,
4.) Other contributors,
5.) Version,
6.) Number,
7.) Publisher,
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The episode “Drive” in the television series The X-Files. It was viewed on Netflix.

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The book *Reflections*, written by Idries Shah, was published by Octagon Press, and was read on Google Books.

| 1.) **Author.** | Shah, Idries. |
| 2.) **Title of source.** | *Reflections.* |
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| 3.) **Title of container,** |  |
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| 5.) **Version,** |  |
| 6.) **Number,** |  |
| 7.) **Publisher,** | Octagon Press, |
| 8.) **Publication Date,** | 1991. |
| 9.) **Location.** |  |

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| 4.) **Other contributors,** |  |
| 5.) **Version,** |  |
| 6.) **Number,** |  |
| 7.) **Publisher,** |  |
| 8.) **Publication Date,** |  |
| 9.) **Location.** | books.google.com/books?id=TpAmLdHRZdH. |


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In addition to the main author, other people may be involved with the creation of your source. If their participation is relevant to your research, name them as contributors; precede the person’s name with a description of their role. Here are some common descriptions:

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If your source includes a notation that there is more than one version or edition of the work, indicate which one you have used in your citation.


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Some works are part of a numbered sequence. Journals, for example, typically include volume and issue numbers as an example. Include the numbers for your source, along with the term that describes the numbered sequence.


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If two or more organizations seem responsible for the work, list each of them, separated by a forward slash (/). (See the website example below.)

**Books:** the publisher can be located on the title page or copyright page.


Films/television: cite the studio or other organization that had main responsibility for the work.

Websites: the publisher(s) can usually be found on the “About us” page or at the bottom of the home page in the copyright notice
*The Gutenberg Bible*. Harry Ransom Center/U of Texas, Austin, www.hrc.utexas.edu /
/exhibitions/permanent/gutenbergbible/.

Note: The publisher may be omitted in the following cases:

- A journal, magazine or newspaper
- A self-published work
- A website that does not create the provided content e.g. YouTube, JSTOR (YouTube and JSTOR are containers of content, rather than publishers of content)
- A website with the same name as the publisher

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When a source has more than one date (e.g. the print and web version of the same article) cite the version you consulted.


Include the dates as they are given

“A Cook Abroad – Tony Singh's India.” YouTube, uploaded by Miss Kaur, 25 May 2015, youtu.be/P803eRg8a4E.


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Print sources (including works originally published in print but currently in a digital platform like Jstor) will use a page number (p.) or a range of page numbers (pp.) to specify its location.


If a periodical is not printed on consecutive pages, include the first page number and + sign.
An online source uses a URL or web address to specify its location. Leave out http:// or https:// Do not use a link shortening service (like bit.ly). If a source provides a permalink or doi, use that instead.


If a source has more two containers include both locations.

A physical object you experience in person (such as a work in a museum) is located in the physical location you found it. Give the name of the location of the place and the city (unless the city is part of the place’s name).


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In-Text Citation

An in-text citation consists of the author’s name and the page number of the source. If there is no page number, leave it out.

Kruger and Dunning state that incompetence “not only causes poor performance but also the inability to recognize that one’s performance is poor” (1130).

or

Incompetence “not only causes poor performance but also the inability to recognize that one’s performance is poor” (Kruger and Dunning 1130).

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For long quotes, set it half-inch from the main text.

People may not be the best judge of their abilities because those with limited knowledge in a domain suffer a dual burden: Not only do they reach mistaken conclusions and make regrettable errors, but their incompetence robs them of the ability to realize it. (Kruger and Dunning 1130)

These findings have many applications in the realm of community college education.

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- Number all pages in the top right corner of your paper, begin with your last name (e.g. Smith 1)
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