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Nielsen, Jakob. *Hypertext & Hypermedia*. Boston: Academic Press Professional, 1993. Print.

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Author's Last Name, First Name, and Author's First Name Last Name. *Title*. Edition [if any]. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication. Format of publication.

Gilbert, Sandra M., and Susan Gubar. *The Madwoman in the Attic*. New Haven: Yale UP, 1979. Print.

Work in an anthology

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Work Title." *Anthology Title*. Edition [if any].

Volume number [if any]. Editor. First Name Last Name. Place of publication:

Publisher, date of publication. Inclusive pages. Format of publication.

Hooker, Thomas. "A True Sight of Sin." *The American Puritans: Their Prose and Poetry*. Ed. Perry Miller. New York: Columbia UP, 1982. 153-64. Print.

Newspaper article

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Newspaper name* Day Month Year published, edition [if any]: Section & page numbers. Format of publication.

Burk, Jennifer. "Capitol lessons." *The Telegraph* 6 Feb. 2007: B1. Print.

Newspaper article from online database

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Newspaper name* Day Month Year published, edition (if any): Section & page numbers. *Database name*. Format of publication. Day Month Year of access.

Fletcher, Michael A. "Study Finds Wide Racial Disparity in Death Penalty." *Washington Post* 5 June 1998: A24. *Lexis-Nexis Academic*. Web. 25 Sept. 2003.

Magazine article

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Magazine name* Date published: inclusive pages. Format of publication.

Cowley, Geoffrey. "I'd Toddle a Mile for a Camel." *Newsweek* 23 Dec. 1991: 70-71. Print.

Magazine article from an online database

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Magazine name* Date published:
inclusive pages. *Database name*. Format of publication. Day Month Year of
access.

Revell, Janice. "What You'll Get From the Stimulus Package." *Money*. 1 Apr. 2009: 17.
Research Library. Web. 17 Mar. 2009.

Journal article

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Journal name* Volume number.Issue
number (Year published): inclusive pages. Format of publication

Snodgrass, Susan. "The Rubbish Heap of History." *Art in America* 88.5 (2000): 156-57.
Print.

Journal article from an online database

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Journal name* Volume number.Issue
number (Year published): inclusive pages. *Database name*. Format of publication.
Day Month Year of access.

Voss, Paul J. "Debris from Heaven in Paradise Lost." *English Language Notes* 35.3
(1998): 37-41. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 25 Sept. 2003.

Article from an online magazine

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Name of website*. Volume number.Issue
number [if given] (Year published) : pages [or n. pag. if no page numbers given]
Format of publication. Day Month Year of access.

Blume, Harvey. "Geek Studies." *Atlantic Online* (2000) : n. pag. Web. 25 Sept. 2003.

Reprinted article

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Original Journal name* Volume number.Issue number (Year published): inclusive pages. Rpt. in *Title of Collection*. Editor. Volume number [if any]. Place of publication: Publisher, Date of publication. Inclusive pages. Format of publication.

Parks, Ed Winfield. "Edna St. Vincent Millay." *The Sewanee Review* 38.1 (1930): 42-49. Rpt. in *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism*. Ed. Sharon K. Hall. Vol. 4. Detroit: Gale, 1981. 310-11. Print.

Article from general encyclopedia

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Encyclopedia Title*. Edition [if any]. Year of publication. Format of publication.

Nightingale, Dave. "Hingis, Martina." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 2004 ed. Print.

Article from specialized encyclopedia

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Encyclopedia Title*. Edition [if any]. Editor. Number of volumes. Place of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Format of publication.

Schafer, Elizabeth D. "Andrew's Raid." *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*. Eds. David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler. 5 vols. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2000. Print.

Article from online encyclopedia

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Encyclopedia Title*. Editor. Publisher, year of publication. Format of publication. Day Month Year of access.

"Japan." *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2009. Web. 16 Mar. 2009.

Entire website

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Site*. Name of sponsoring institution, Date of electronic publication. Format of publication. Day Month Year of access.

Bernstein, Charles, ed. *Electronic Poetry Center*. SUNY Buffalo, 2009. Web. 16 Mar. 2009.

Web page within a larger website

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Name of page." *Title of Site*. Name of sponsoring institution, Date of electronic publication. Format of publication. Day Month Year of access.

Martin, Thomas R. "An Overview of Classical Greek History from Homer to Alexander." *Perseus Digital Library*. Tufts U., 1999. Web. 25 Sept. 2003.

Film or Video

Title. Screenplay by Screenwriter. Dir. Director. Perf. Performers. Original Distributor, Year. Distributor, Year. Format of publication.

Taxi Driver. Screenplay by Paul Schrader. Dir. Martin Scorsese. Perf. Robert De Niro, Cybill Shepherd, and Jodie Foster. Columbia Pictures, 1976. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2007. DVD.

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