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- 8 Publication date,
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A print book with a single author

Last name, first name of author.
(Include a middle initial, if provided).

Title of source (in italics).
Prepositions are not capitalized.

McLemore, Anna-Marie. *The Weight of Feathers*. St. Martin's,

2015. ← Publication date.

↑ Publisher,

Use a "hanging indent" (1/2 in.) on 2nd and subsequent lines.

An e-book with two authors, accessed from a Library database (includes a permalink)

Last name, First name of first author, and First name, Last name of second author
(Include a middle initial, if provided)

Levine, Arthur, and Diane R. Dean. *Generation on a Tightrope: A*

Portrait of Today's College Student. Jossey-Bass, 2012.

ProQuest Ebook Central, [ezproxy.middlesexcc.edu/login?](http://ezproxy.middlesexcc.edu/login?url=http://site.ebrary.com/lib/middlesexcc/detail.action?docID=10583381&p00=helicopter+parents)

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Name of database, (in italics)

Permalink (DOI or URL if permalink is not available). Do not include the http or https at the start of the URL

A print book by a single author with a contributor

A contributor's name should be preceded by a description of the role, e.g., translated by, adapted by, directed by...

Wiggins, Arthur W. *The Joy of Physics*. Cartoons by Sidney Harris.

Prometheus, 2007.

An edited e-book found on the public web (includes a URL)

Last name, first name of the editor,
(Include a middle initial, if provided),
followed by, editor

Title of source (in italics)

Olson, Steve, editor. *The Past Half-Century of Engineering: And a Look Forward*.

National Academies P, 2015, www.nap.edu/catalog/21702/the-past-half-century-of-engineering-and-a-look-forward.

Publisher's names should not include, Inc.,
Co. or Corp. Abbreviate Press with P or UP
for University Press

URL. Do not include the http or
https at the start of the URL

An edited print book with more than two editors

Last name, First name of 1st editor, followed by: et al., editors

Morgan, Robin K., et al., editors. *Quick Hits for Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers: Successful Strategies from Award-Winning Teachers*. Indiana UP, 2015.

An authored chapter from an edited e-book accessed from a Library database (includes a permalink)

Last name, First name of chapter author

"Title of the Chapter in Quotes." Y: *The Last Man* is in italics because it is the title of a graphic novel

Arner, Timothy D. "Teaching Theory through *Y: The Last Man*." Edited by Kay C. Syma and Robert G. Weiner. *Graphic Novels and Comics in the Classroom: Essays on the Educational Power of Sequential Art*. McFarland, 2013, pp. 145 -53, ProQuest Ebook Central, ezproxy.middlesexcc.edu/login?url=http://site.ebrary.com/lib/Middlesexcc/reader.action?ppg=

Page numbers of the chapter preceded by pp. If 3 digits or more remove the first digit in the second number if the same as the first number

First and Last names of the editors, preceded by: Edited by

Title of the Container (book containing the chapter) in italics

A magazine article with one author, accessed from a Library database (includes a permalink)

Title of the container (magazine containing the article) in italics

"Title of the article" in quotes

Nicks, Denver. "Snapchat Overtakes Twitter in Daily Users."

Time.com, 6 June 2016, p. 1, *Academic Search Premier*,

Day (if provided)
Month

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(abbreviated
except May, June

host.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=

July) Year of
publication

115965373&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

*Database
name in italics*

A review of a film found in a magazine accessed from a Library database (includes a permalink)

Robertson, Barbara. "A Fine Fettle of Fish." Review of *Finding Dory*,

Include major
contributor(s)
and their role(s)

written and directed by Andrew Stanton, *Computer*

Graphics World, May/June 2016, pp. 12-16, *Masterfile Elite*,

ezproxy.middlesexcc.edu/login?url=http://search

ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=fth&AN

=116383420&site=ehost-live&scope=site. *Title of the film (in italics) preceded by Review of*

A Magazine Article with no Author, Found on the Public Web (Includes a URL)

"The Driverless, Car-Sharing Road Ahead." *The Economist*, 9 Jan.

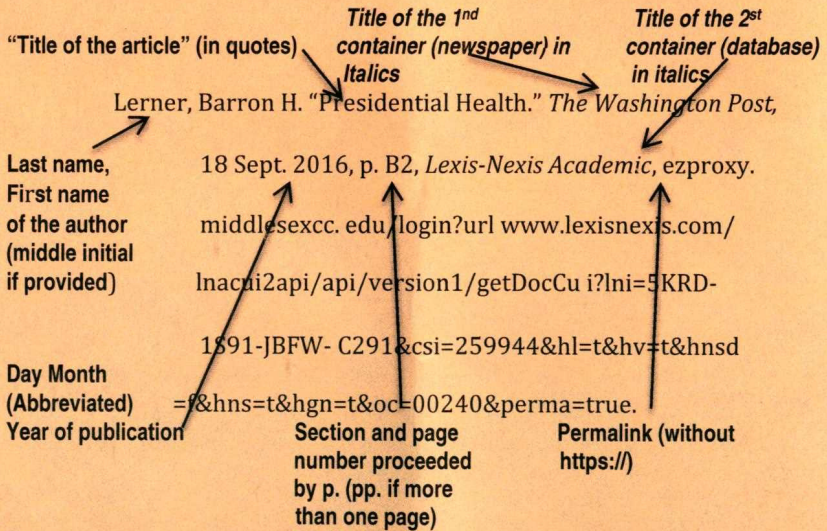
2016, [www.economist.com/news/business/21685459-](http://www.economist.com/news/business/21685459-carmakers-increasingly-fret-their-industry-brink-huge-disruption)

[carmakers-increasingly-fret-their-industry-brink-huge-](http://www.economist.com/news/business/21685459-carmakers-increasingly-fret-their-industry-brink-huge-disruption)

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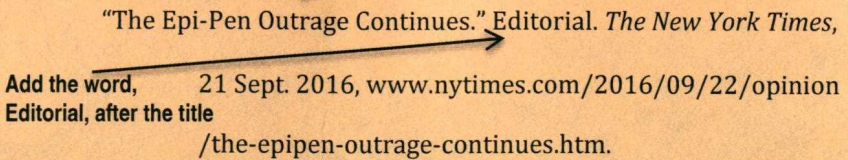
Start the citation with "Title of the Article" in quotes. In the Works Cited list, alphabetize by the first major word: in this example, Driverless

A newspaper article accessed from a Library database (includes a permalink)

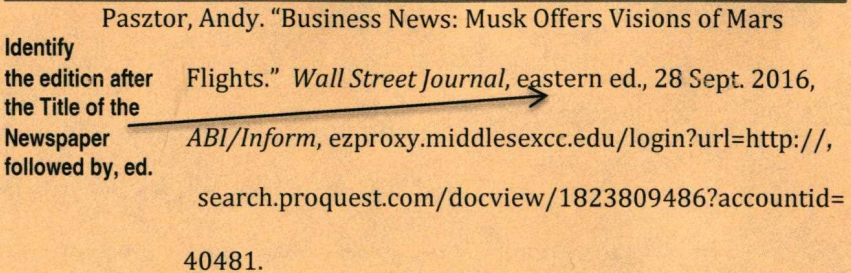


A newspaper editorial from the public web (includes a URL)

Generally, editorials are the "voice" of the publication and no author is provided. Start with the "Title of the editorial"



A newspaper article with an edition, accessed from a Library database (includes a permalink)



A journal article found on the public web (includes a DOI –digital object identifier)

Last name, First name (only the initial of the first name was given) → Hemeren, G. "Ethical Considerations in Chimera Research."
 "Title of the article" (in quotes)
 Title of 2nd container (website) in italics → *PubMed*,
 Title of 1st container (journal in italics) → *Development*, vol. 142, no. 1, Jan. 2015, pp. 3-5. *PubMed*, pp. (page numbers)
 U S National Library of Medicine, doi: 10.1242/
 dev.119024.
 Publisher (website) → vol. (volume number) no. (issue number) DOI Date of publication

A journal article with more than two authors and no issue number, accessed from a Library database (includes a DOI)

Last name, First name (or initial) of the first author followed by et al. → Sapacz, M., et al. "Are We Addicted to Our Cell Phones?"
 Since no issue number exists for this journal, just list the vol. number → *Computers in Human Behavior*, vol. 57, Apr. 2016, pp. 153-59.
 Database title (in italics) → *ScienceDirect*, doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2015.12.004.

A journal article with two authors accessed from a Library database (includes a Permalink)

Last name, First name of 1st author, and First and Last name of 2nd author (include a middle initial, if provided) → Schweidel, David A., and Wendy W. Moe. "Binge Watching and Advertising." *Journal of Marketing*, vol. 80, no. 5, Sept. 2016, pp. 1-19. *Communications & Mass Media Complete*, ezproxy.middlesexcc.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=ufh&AN=117822374&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

ADDITIONAL DATABASE EXAMPLES

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A magazine article from the Library database, *CQ Researcher* (includes a permalink):

Name of the author

"Title of the article"

Hoag, Christina. "Jailing Debtors: Should People Be Jailed for

Unpaid Fines?" *CQ Researcher*, 16 Sept. 2016, pp. 745-58,

CQ Press, ezproxy.middlesexcc.edu/login?url=http://

library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/cqresrrre2016091600.

Name of the publication (container)

Date of publication

A primary source from the Library database, *Facts on File's Modern History Online* (includes a permalink)

Names of the authors (corporate/political entities)

"Title of the entry"

Egypt, et al. "Camp David Accords." 17 Sept. 1978,

Modern History Online, Facts on File, *ezproxy*.

Name of the database, publisher

Date of the document

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An image from the Library database *ArtStor* (includes a permalink)

Artist's Last name, First name

"Title of the work"

Year of the work

Cresques, Abraham. "Catalan Atlas." 1375. Bibliotheque Nationale

Work's location

Database name

de France, ArtStor, ezproxy.middlesexcc.edu/iogin?url,

-http://library.artstor.org/library/secure/ViewImages?

id=8CJGczI9NzldLS1WEDhzTnkrX3grfF93dik=hjJGd

[w%3D%3D&zoomparams=.](http://w%3D%3D&zoomparams=)

A personal interview

← Last name, First name of the person interviewed
 Diaz, Junot. Personal interview. 24 Oct. 2016.
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 Indicate: Personal interview. Day Month (abbreviated) Year of interview

A DVD

Title of the movie (in italics) Optional: For clarity, include the date of the original movie First and last name of the Director, preceded by Directed by
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The Manchurian Candidate. 1962. Directed by John
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 Name of the DVD company Frankenheimer, performances by Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Janet Leigh and Angela Lansbury, Criterion, 2016. Year of the DVD List the major actors preceded by: performances by

A work of art seen in a museum

Last name, First name of the artist *Title of the work (in italics)* Year made
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 Casas, Ramón. *Ramón Casas and Pere Romeu on a Tandem*. 1897,
 ↓ ↓
 Name of the museum Museu Nacional D'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain. Location of the museum

A radio program found on the web

Title of the episode. First and Last name of the host, proceeded by: Hosted by
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 "575: The Poetry of Propaganda." Hosted by Ira Glass, *This American Life*, 18 Dec. 2015, www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/575/poetry-of-propaganda.
 ↑ ↓
Title of the program (in italics) Date aired

A Tweet

Use the Author's Name or provide the pseudonym, i.e.: @RoyalButler

"Title of the Tweet" reproduced as in the original

McCartney, Paul. "Sign up to receive the @MeatFreeMonday newsletter here: mpl.pm/mfm_signup." *Twitter*, 25 Apr. 2016, 9:47a.m., twitter.com/PaulMcCartney/status/724640986425647104.

Name of the publisher

URL

Date and time of post

A YouTube video

"Title of the video."

Date uploaded

"Documentary - FC Barcelona in FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2015."

YouTube, uploaded by FC Barcelona, 25 Dec. 2015, youtu.be/JGGBmxelPQk.

Name of the Publisher

Share link URL

Name of Person/Company who uploaded the video, preceded by: uploaded by

An entire web site, including an optional access date

Title of the website, in italics.

Publisher

Film Studies and Film Criticism Resources. Film Studies: UC

Berkeley Library, 15 Sept. 2010, [www.lib.berkeley.edu/](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/filmstudies/reviewlist.html)

[MRC/filmstudies/reviewlist.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/filmstudies/reviewlist.html). Accessed 21 Oct. 2016.

Date of publication, if provided

URL

OPTIONAL: Day, month (abbreviated) Year of access preceded by: Accessed

A web page

"Title of the page (in quotes)

Sponsor of website

"Cell Phone Tracking Laws by State." *ACLU*, 16 Oct. 2015,

www.aclu.org/map/cell-phone-location-tracking-laws-state.

URL

Day Month (abbreviated) Year of publication (if provided)

A government document (journal article)

Name of the department/agency

"Title of the article."

United States, Department of State, Bureau of International

Information Programs. "National Parks, National Legacy."

eJournalUSA, vol. 13, no. 7, July 2008, [iipdigital.usembassy](http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/media/pdf/ejs/0708ej.pdf)

[.gov/media/pdf/ejs/0708ej.pdf](http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/media/pdf/ejs/0708ej.pdf).

Name of the journal (container)

A blog entry (with optional access information)

Last name, First name.

(Blog entry's author, may also be the blog author)

"Title of the Blog Entry." *Title of the Blog* (container)

→ Junco, Rey. "New Paper: Student Class Standing, Facebook Use and

Date of Academic Performance." *Social Media in Higher Education*,

entry

→ 20 Jan. 2015, blog.reyjunco.com/new-paper-student-class

→ standing-facebook-use-and-academic-performance. Accessed
blog entry

→ 30 Oct. 2016. (Optional) Add: Accessed Day Month (abbreviated) Year of access. Professor may require or if there is concern about a URL or content changing

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Works Cited

When there is no author or editor, use the first major word in the title (in this example, "Climate")
 "The Climate Refugees of the Arctic." Editorial. *The New York Times*, 20 Dec. 2016.
 www.nytimes.com/2016/12/20/opinion/the-climate-refugees-of-the-
 -arctic.html?_r=0.

Dressler, Andrew E. *The Science and Politics of Global Climate Change: A Guide to the Debate*. 2nd ed., Cambridge UP, 2010.

Kaiser, Florian G. "Using Psychology to Advance Environmental Conservation."

Nemeth, pp. 227-32. **A cross-reference. Cite the author of the essay/chapter, title of the essay/chapter, editor(s) names and page numbers of the essay/chapter**

The Last Mountain. Directed by William M. Haney, commentary by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Docurama Films, New Video Group, 2011.

Milton, Martin. "The Effects of Pollution on the Environment." Nemeth, pp. 219-22.

Nemeth, Darlyne G., set editor. *Ecopsychology: Advances from the Intersection of Psychology and Environmental Protection*. Volume editor, Robert B. Hamilton, vol. 1, Praeger, 2015.

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