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Moran, Theodore H. *Beyond Sweatshops: Foreign Direct Investment and Globalization in Developing Countries*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings, 2002.

Two authors

Christiane, John B., and Irene W. Leigh. *Cochlear Implants in Children: Ethics and Choices*. Washington, D.C.: Gallaudet UP, 2002.

Three authors

Venolia, Jean P., Georgio Cordini, and Joseph Hitchcock. *What Makes a Literary Masterpiece*. Chicago: Hudson, 1995.

More than three authors

Bailyn, Bernard, et al. *The Great Republic*. Lexington, MA: D. C. Heath, 1977.

Unknown author

The Bible, a New Translation. Trans. James Moffatt. New York: Harper and Row, 1954.

Multi-volume Work

Dorival, Bernard. *Twentieth Century Painters.* 2 vols. New York: Universe Books, 1958.

Collection produced by an editor

Guernsey, Otis L., Jr., and Jeffrey Sweet, eds. *The Burns Mantle Theater Yearbook of 1989-90.* New York: Applause, 1990.

Essay or Chapter within a collection

Sweeney, John J., "The New Internationalism." Broad, Robin, ed. *Global Backlash: Citizen Initiatives in a Just World Economy.* Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002.

Ebook (electronic book)

Thornton, Chris. *Truth from Trash: How Learning Makes Sense.* Cambridge, MA: MIT P, 2000. NetLibrary. Seattle Central Community College Lib. 24 Feb. 2003
<<http://emedia.netlibrary.com>>.

REFERENCE SOURCES:

A simplified citation is commonly used for general encyclopedias. Include publication information for subject encyclopedias. Include volume or page number(s) only if the articles are *not* in alphabetical order.

General encyclopedia article

Trainen, Martha. "New York State." *Encyclopedia Americana.* 1992.

Subject encyclopedia article

Hammond, William H. "Media and the War." *Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War.* New York: Macmillan Library Reference, 1996.

Article in a multi-volume work not in alphabetical order

Tusse, Johannes. "Education in Ethiopia." *Encyclopedia of East Africa.* Vol. 2. Nairobi: Kenya Press 1992. 565-72. 3 vols.

An entire reference work

Niiya, Brian, ed. *Japanese American History: An A to Z Reference from 1868 to the Present.* New York: Facts On File, 1993.

Online reference database

"African Art." *World History: the Modern Era.* ABC-CLIO Schools Subscriptions Web Sites. Seattle Central Community College Lib. 24 Feb. 2003
<<http://www.worldhistory.abc-clio.com>>.

Online reference database

"Language." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. 2003. Encyclopædia Britannica Online. Seattle Central Community College Lib. 24 Feb. 2003 <<http://search.eb.com/eb/>>.

PERIODICAL ARTICLES:

Include author's name (when shown), title of article, periodical name, and page numbers.

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Journal articles

Wernerfelt, Birgner. "Advertising Content When Brand Choice Is a Signal." *Journal of Business* 63.1 (1990): 91-98.

Articles in weekly publications

Ryback, Timothy W. "Letter from Salzburg." *New Yorker* 30 Dec. 1991: 62-75.

Articles in monthly publications

Alford, Jeffrey. "Ap Nam? Kin Khao? Feeling at Home in Thai Kitchens." *Eating Well* Jan. - Feb. 1992: 44-55.

Newspaper Articles

Miller, David. "Tightening the Belt." *Seattle Times* 5 Jan. 1992: A1.

Anonymous Articles

"Saddam's Republican Guards." *Time* 4 Feb. 1991: 24.

Editorials

Schmemmann, Serge. "The World According to Gorbachev Disappears." Editorial. *New York Times* 8 Dec. 1991: E3.

Periodical Database accessed on the WWW

Keegan, John, and Tom Wolfe. "Who Should be Person of the Century?" *Time* 30 Aug. 1999: 15+. *ProQuest Direct*. ProQuest Information and Learning Company. Seattle Central Community College Lib., 25 Sept. 1999 <<http://proquest.umi.com/pdqauto>>.

Periodical Database accessed on the WWW

Paul, Annie Murphy. "Where Bias Begins: The Truth About Stereotypes." *Psychology Today* May - June 1998: 52+. *SIRS Researcher*. SIRS Knowledge Source. Seattle Central Community College Lib., 8 Nov. 2002 <<http://sks.sirs.com>>.

WORLD WIDE WEB SITES & SOURCES:

First determine the type of source:

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World Wide Web Site

English. 23 Oct. 2000. Dept. of English, Howard U. 3 March 2003 <<http://www.english.howard.edu/english/>>.

Online Posting to an email discussion list

Hake, Richard. "Why Physics First." Online posting. 15 Oct. 2002. Mathedcc. 21 Jan. 2003 <<http://mathforum.org/epigone/math-teach/>>.

Personal Web Page

Hull, Joe. *Geology, Environmental Science, Earth Science*. 2002 3 March 2003 <<http://seattlecentral.org/faculty/jhull/>>.

Electronic Journals

Flanagan, Roy. "Reflections on Milton and Ariosto." *Early Modern Literary Studies* 2.3 (1996): 16 pars. 22 Feb. 2001 <<http://unixg.ubc.ca:7001/0/e-sources/emls/02-3/flanmilt.html>>.

Government Site

United States. Library of Congress. Copyright Office. *Copyright Basics* Sept. 2000. 3 March 2003 <<http://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ1.html>>.

PAMPHLETS:

Treat a pamphlet as you would a book

Outsmarting Crime: A Guide to Safer Living. n.p.: Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, 1990.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS:

In general, citations for AV materials must include author (if available), title, producing company and date. Other elements vary depending on the type of material, so refer to the [MLA Handbook](#). For music, if you are using a format *other than* compact disc (CD), indicate as shown in the examples below.

Videos

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dir. Denise Guyen. Videocassette. SVE Inc., 1988.

Television or Radio Program

"Cuba and Cocaine." Narr. Bill Moyers. *Frontline*. Documentary Consortium. PBS. WTVS, Miami. 18 Jan. 1990.

Music (song from a compact disc)

Coltrane, John. "Giant Steps." *The Last Giant: The John Coltrane Anthology*. Rhino, 1993.

Music Recordings (no composer shown)

Lewiston, David. *Fiestas of Peru: Music of the High Andes*. LP. Nonesuch Records, 1972.

Composer and performer different

Guthrie, Woody. *Pete Seeger Sings Woody Guthrie*. Perf. Pete Seeger. Audiocassette. Folkways, 1968.

Interview (heard or read online)

Jamieson, Kathleen Hall. Interview with Renee Montagne. "Political Apologies." *Morning Edition*. Natl. Public Radio. 20 Dec. 2002. 3 March 2003 <<http://discover.npr.org/features/feature.jhtml?wfId=885601>>.

Interview (broadcast)

Gore, Al, and Tipper Gore. Interview with Terry Gross. *Fresh Air*. National Public Radio. KUOW, Seattle. 19 Nov. 2002.

Personal Interview

Mitchell, Charles. Personal Interview. 7 March 2003