# Citation Formatting

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General citation information. See examples on next page for specific rules.

1. **Author, A. A.**
   
   Begin with the author's last name, followed by a comma and author's initial(s). See examples for works with multiple authors.  
   
   **End this entry with a period.**

2. **(Year of Publication).**
   
   Include the year of publication in both the reference citation and the in-text citation. For the reference citation, the year is in parenthesis.  
   
   **End this entry with a period.**

3. **Title.**
   
   Titles of books should be in italics while periodicals, television episodes, and songs should not. Capitalize only the first word of the title, the first word after a colon, and proper names.  
   
   **End this entry with a period.**

4. **Title of Larger Work,**
   
   The container title should be italicized and all important words should be capitalized (unless it is a book title). If the source is a chapter from book or entry in a larger work then the title of the container is preceded by "In".  
   
   **End this entry with a comma.**

5. **Version/Volume**
   
   If the source is listed as an edition or version of a work, include it in the citation. For multi-volume books, include the volume number in parentheses.  
   
   **End the entry with a period.**
   
   If noting a journal volume, it should be italicized and followed directly (no space) by issue number in parentheses.  
   
   **This entry is not followed by any punctuation.**

6. **(Number), pages.**
   
   If the source is part of a numbered sequence (multi-volume book or journal with both volume and issue numbers), list those numbers. Do not italicize. Follow directly by page numbers of article or chapter.  
   
   **End this entry with a period.**

7. **Location: Publisher.**
   
   For books and other print resources include the location of the publisher (include city and state) followed by a colon and then the publishing company's name.  
   
   **End this entry with a period.**

8. **Retrieved from ____**
   
   If using an electronic source, complete the citation with "Retrieved from" followed by the URL or DOI of the article. This is not needed for articles taken directly from a library database.
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