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BOOKS

- One author/editor** Clark, Judith Freeman. *America's Gilded Age: An Eyewitness History*. New York: Facts on File, 1992. Print.
- Two authors/editors** Millett, Allan R. and Peter Maslowski. *For the Common Defense*. New York: Free Press, 1984. Print.
- Book by three authors** Booth, Wayne C., Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research*. 2nd ed. Chicago : U of Chicago P, 2003. Print.
- Four or more authors/editors** Moschovitis, Christos, et al. *History of the Internet: A Chronology*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 1999. Print.
- Chapter/Essay in an edited work** Ullman, Montague. Can You Communicate with Others in Your Dreams? *The Psychic Scene*. Ed. John Waite. New York: New American Library, 1974. 120-32. Print.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

- Signed article** Upjohn, Everard M. Gothic Art and Architecture. *Encyclopedia Americana*. 2001 ed. Print.
- Unsigned article** World Health Organization (WHO). *Collier's Encyclopedia*. 1995 ed. Print.
- Signed magazine article** Glausiusz, Josie. The Big Bug Drugstore. *Discover* July 2002: 16. Print.
- Unsigned magazine article** Commission Reports Minorities Penalized in 2000 Election. *Jet* 25 June 2001: 4-6. Print.
- Newspaper article** Crossette, Barbara. Effort To Recast Iraq Oil Sanctions Is Halted for Now. *New York Times* 3 July 2001, late ed.: A1+. Print.

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BOOKS

One author/editor	The gold standard was opposed by the Populist party (Clark 153).
Two authors/editors	Millett and Maslowski put Union casualties at 16,100 in the battle (209). <i>(Note: Authors of sources can be identified in the text, as in this example.)</i>
More than three authors/editors	Emoticons have long been controversial (Moschovitis et al. 103).
Chapter/Essay in an edited work	Skeptics liken it to a séance (Ullman 128).

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Signed article	An important characteristic of Gothic architecture was the flying buttress (Upjohn 4 : 73).
Unsigned article	Smallpox was eliminated through the efforts of WHO (World 24: 98).

ARTICLES

Signed magazine article	Insects may have anti-microbial compounds useful to humans (Glausiusz). <i>(Note: No page number needed for one-page source.)</i>
Unsigned magazine article	Black voters ballots were rejected 10 times more than those of whites (Commission 4).
Newspaper article	A change in trade sanctions against Iraq was abandoned (Crossette A1).

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