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A website:
Author’s Last name, First name (skip if no author listed). “Title of Article or Individual Page.” Title of Website, Publisher, Publication date, URL. Date of Access (optional).

Example:

An article from an online database:
Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Source.” Title of Journal, Book, Magazine, etc., Volume, Number, Publication Date, Location. Database.

Example:

A book in print:
Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Chapter or Section.” Title of Work, edited by First Name Last Name, Vol. Number, Publisher, Publication Date, Page Numbers.

Example~ An entire book by a single author:

Example~ Chapter of a book:

Film or online videos (ex. YouTube):
Last Name, First Name of Creator. “Title of Film or Video.” Title of Containing Website, Role of Contributors and their First Name, Version, Publisher, Publication Date, URL.
Examples:


**A digital image:**

Creator’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of the Digital Image.” *Title of the Website*, First Name Last Name of any Contributors, Version (if applicable), Number (if applicable), Publisher, Publication Date, URL.

*Examples:*


**Helpful Tips for In-Text Citations**

1. All sources on your works cited page should be referenced in the text. Conversely, all items referenced in the text should appear on your Works Cited page.

2. The name of the author(s) and the page number are necessary for all in-text citations. If an organization is claiming responsibility for the information, and no author is identified, cite the organization as the author. *Example:* (Smith 254) OR (Smith and Jones 345)

3. If you have more than one work by a single author, include part of the title. *Example:* (Smith “Temptation” 254)

4. If no page is identified, omit the page number in the text. (This most often occurs with electronic sources.) *Example:* (Smith)

5. When citing indirect sources – a quote within a quote – you must include both the original author and the author whom you are quoting, as well as the page number. *Example:* (Smith qtd. in Jones 43)

6. When you incorporate the author’s name into the sentence, you do not need to include it again in the parenthetical citation. *Example:* According to Smith, the outcome has remained the same (43).

7. When directly quoting a source, the quotation marks go at the end of the quoted material; however, the end punctuation appears at the end of the citation. *Example:* “The emphasis remains on the importance of hydration” (Smith 43).

8. Formatting the Works Cited Page- To tab correctly, put cursor where you want it, then hit **BACKSPACE**, **TAB**.