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### Citing Books and Magazines in Print

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Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. *The Title of the Book*. The First City of the Publisher: Publisher's Name. Year of Publication. Print.

Smith, John. *How I Survived High School*. Long Beach: Funny Press. 2014. Print.

#### B

#### Books With Two Authors

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (comma) ("and") **The Second Author's Name First Name First** (period) (italicize or underline) ***The Title of the Book*** (period) (regular type) **The First City of the Publisher** (colon) **Publisher's Name** (period) **Year of Publication** (period) **Print** (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name, and The Second Author's Name First Name First. *The Title of the Book*. The First City of the Publisher: Publisher's Name. Year of Publication. Print.

Smith, John, and Billy Smith. *How I Survived Getting a Job*. Long Beach: Funny Press. 2014. Print.

#### C

#### Books With Three Authors

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Author's Last Name, Author's First Name, The Second Author's Name First Name First, and The Next Author's name. *The Title of the Book*. The First City of the Publisher: Publisher's Name. Year of Publication. Print.

Smith, John, Jane Smith and Billy Smith. *How I Survived Getting a Job*. Long Beach: Funny Press. 2014. Print.

**D****Books With Four or More Authors**

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (comma) **et al** (period) ***The Title of the Book*** (period) (regular type) **The First City of the Publisher** (colon) **Publisher's Name** (period) **Year of Publication** (period) **Print** (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name, et al. *The Title of the Book*. The First City of the Publisher: Publisher's Name. Year of Publication. Print.

Smith, John, et al. *How I Survived Getting a Job*. Long Beach: Funny Press. 2014. Print.

**E****Articles in an Encyclopedia**

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (period) (quotation mark) **Title of the Article** (period) (quotation mark) (italicize or underline) ***The Title of the Encyclopedia*** (period) (regular type) **Edition** (if given) **ed** (period) **Print** (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Title of the Article." *The Title of the Encyclopedia*. Edition (if given) ed. Print.

Note: The author should appear at the start or end of the encyclopedia article. If an author's name is not given, begin your citation with the name of the article.

Example With an Author:

Smith, John. "Jobs." *The Encyclopedia of Careers*. 2014 ed. Print.

Example Without an Author:

"Careers." *The Encyclopedia of Careers*. 2014 ed. Print.

**F****Magazines Articles in Print**

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (period) (quotation mark) **Title of the Article** (period) (quotation mark) (italicize or underline) ***The Title of the Magazine*** (period) (regular type) **Date of the Magazine** (comma) **Month of the Magazine** (comma) **Year of the Magazine** (colon) **Page Numbers of the Magazine Article** (period) **Print** (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Title of the Article." *The Title of the Magazine*. Date of the Magazine, Month of the Magazine, Year of the Magazine: Page Numbers of the Magazine Article. Print.

Smith, John. "Hip-Hop Songs of the 1990's." *Modern Music*. 15 March 2014: 17-22. Print.

**G****Newspaper Articles in Print**

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (period) (quotation mark) **Title of the Article** (period) (quotation mark) (italicize or underline) ***The Title of the Newspaper*** (regular type) **Date of the Newspaper** (space) **Month of the Newspaper** (space) **Year of the Newspaper** (colon) **First Page Number of the Newspaper Article** (period) **Print** (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Title of the Article." *The Title of the Newspaper* Date of the Newspaper Month of the Newspaper Year of the Newspaper: First Page Number of the Newspaper Article: Print.

Note: Where a newspaper article continues on to non-consecutive pages, just list the first page number with a "+" after it.

Smith, John. "Hip-Hop Songs of the 1990's." *Los Angeles Times* 15 March 2014: B1+. Print.

**H****Journals in Print**

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (period) (quotation mark) **Title of the Article** (period) (quotation mark) (italicize or underline) ***The Title of the Magazine*** (period) (regular type) **Volume Number** (period) **Issue Number** (period) (parentheses) **Year** (parentheses) (Colon) **Page Numbers** (period) **Print** (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Title of the Article." *The Title of the Magazine*. Volume Number. Issue Number (Year): Page Numbers. Print.

Smith, John. "Hip-Hop Songs of the 1990's." *Modern Music*. 18.22 (2014): 12-28. Print.

**Citing Online Books and Articles****I****E-Books With One Author**

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Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. *Title of the Book*. The First City of the Publisher: Publisher's Name. Year of Publication. Digital file.

Smith, John. *How I Survived High School*. Long Beach: Funny Press. 2014. Digital file.

**J****Articles in the Gale Virtual Reference Library**

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Glazer, Sarah. "Combating Scientific Misconduct." *Medical Science*. Ed. John Smith. Long Beach: Gale, 2014. 332-333. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 1 December 2014.

**K****Articles in Opposing Viewpoints With No Author**

(Quotation mark) **Opposing Viewpoints Essay Title** (period) (quotation mark) (italicize or underline) ***Title of Book*** (period) (regular type) **Ed.** (space) **Editor's First Name** (comma) **Last Name** (period) **The First City of the Publisher** (colon) **The Publisher's Name** (comma) **Publication Date** (period) **Page(s)** if available. If not put "n. pag." (period) (italicize or underline) ***Opposing Viewpoints in Context*** (period) **Web** (period) **The Date You Found the Article** (Day Month Year) (period)

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"Why Hip-Hop Songs has Positive Effects." *Modern Music*. Ed. Jeff Smith. Long Beach: Funny Press, 2014. N. pag. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*. Web. 1 December 2014.

**L****Articles in *Opposing Viewpoints* With an Author**

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (period) (quotation mark) **Original Title of Article** (period) (quotation mark) (italicize or underline) ***Title of Book where the article was reprinted*** (period) (regular type) **Ed.** (space) **Editor's First Name** (comma) **Last Name** (period) **The First City of the Publisher** (colon) **The Publisher's Name** (comma) **Publication Date** (period) **Page(s)** if available. If not put "n. pag." (Period) (italicize or underline) ***Opposing Viewpoints in Context*** (period) **Web** (period) **The Date You Found the Website** (Day Month Year) (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Original Title of Article." *Title of Book where the article was reprinted*. Ed. Editor's First Name, Last Name. The First City of the Publisher (colon) The Publisher's Name, Publication Date. Page(s) if available. If not put "n. pag." (Period) *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*. Web. Day Month Year you found the article.

Smith, John. "Why Hip-Hop Songs has Positive Effects." *Modern Music*. Ed. Jeff Smith. Long Beach: Funny Press, 2014. N. pag. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*. Web. 1 December 2014.

**M****Articles in *CQ Researcher***

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Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Article Title." *CQ Researcher*. Day Month Year: Page(s) If Available. If not put "n. pag." (period) *CQ Researcher* Web. Day Month Year you found the article.

Glazer, Sarah. "Combating Scientific Misconduct." *CQ Researcher*. 9 June 2004: 30-33. *CQ Researcher*. Web. 1 December 2014.

**N****Magazine / Journal Articles in *EBSCOhost***

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Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Title of the Article." *The Title of the Magazine*. Volume Number. Issue Number (Year): Page Numbers. *EBSCOhost* or the Specific Data base within EBSCOhost. Web. Day Month Year you found the article.

Smith, John. "Hip-Hop Songs of the 1990's." *Modern Music*. 18.22 (2014): 12-28. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 1 December 2014.

**O****Magazine / Journal Articles in *ProQuest***

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Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Magazine*. Volume Number. Issue Number (Year): Page Numbers. *ProQuest* or the Specific Data base within ProQuest. Web. Day Month Year you found the article.

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Smith, John. "Hip-Hop Songs of the 1990's." *Modern Music*. 18.22 (2014): 12-28. ProQuest. Web. 1 December 2014.

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**Newspaper Articles in ProQuest**

**Author's Last Name** (comma) **Author's First Name** (period) (quotation mark) **Title of the Article** (period) (quotation mark) (italicize or underline) **The Title of the Newspaper** (regular type) **Date of the Newspaper** (space) **Month of the Newspaper** (space) **Year of the Newspaper** (colon) **First Page Number of the Newspaper Article** (period) **Name of the Newspaper Database** (period) **Web** (period) **The Date You Found the Article** (Day Month Year) (period)

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. "Title of the Article." *The Title of the Newspaper* Date of the Newspaper (space) Month of the Newspaper (space) Year of the Newspaper: First Page Number of the Newspaper Article. Name of the Newspaper Database. Web. Day Month Year you found the article.

Smith, John. "Hip-Hop Songs Helps Students." *Long Beach Times* 01 Dec. 2014: A1. *Long Beach Times*: National Newspaper. Web. 1 December 2014.

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**An Entire Website**

(Italicize or underline) **Website Name** (period) **Sponsor/Publisher of Website** (comma) **Date Published/Updated** (period) **Web** (period) **The Date You Found the Website** (Day Month Year) (period)

*Website Name*. Sponsor/Publisher of Website, Date Published/Updated. Web. Day Month Year you found the website.

Note: Include the website URL at the end of the citation if your instructor asks you to.

*Modern Music*. AMA Records, 1 December 2013. Web. 1 December 2014.

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**A Page From a Website**

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Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Website Name*. Sponsor/Publisher of Website, Date Published/Updated. Web. Day Month Year you found the website.

Note: Include the website URL at the end of the citation if your instructor asks you to.

Smith, John. "Hip-Hop and Higher Education." *Modern Music*. AMA Records, 1 December 2013, Web. 1 December 2014.

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HackerKing. "How to Hack into a Website." Online Video Clip. *YouTube*. YouTube, 15 February 2014. Web. 1 December 2014.