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Book (two or more authors)

Works Cited:

Leakey, Mary D. and Louis S. B. Leakey. *Some String Figures from North East Angola*. Lisboa: Museu do Dundo, 1949. Print.

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Works Cited:

Watson, Marlene F. "African American Relationships." *Re-Visioning Family Therapy*. Ed. Monica McGoldrick. New York: Guilford Press, 1998. 282-294. Print.

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Works Cited:

McNally, John, ed. *Humor Me: An Anthology of Humor by Writers of Color*. Iowa City: U of Iowa P, 2002. Print.

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Journal Article

Works Cited:

Myerson, Joel. "A Calendar of Transcendental Club Meetings." *American Literature* 44 (1972): 197-207. Print.

Include an issue number for journals which are paged separately (each issue starting at page 1)

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Works Cited:

Cook, Mariana. "Cousin Kay." *Victoria*. Nov. 2001: 27-28. Print.

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Works Cited:

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Works Cited: "Magna Carta." *The New Encyclopedia Britannica*. 15th ed. 1998. Print.

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Electronic Encyclopedia Article

Works Cited: "Chaucer, Geoffrey." *Gale Contextual Encyclopedia of World Literature*. Detroit: Gale, 2009. 358-361. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Gale. Creighton University. 20 Aug. 2009 <<http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=GVRL&u=creighton>>

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Review

Works Cited:

Barth, Melissa E. Rev. of *The Summons*, by John Grisham. *Magill Book Reviews* 1 Nov. 2002: 221. Print.

Parenthetical: (Barth 221)

Article from a Library Database in HTML

Works Cited:

Clark, Zsuzsanna. "From Saturday-Night Poetry to Big Brother." *New Statesman* 132 (21 July 2003): 32. *Academic Search Premier*. EBSCOHost. Creighton U, Reinert-Alumni Lib., Omaha, NE. 27 Aug. 2007 <<http://search.ebscohost.com>>. Web.

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Abstract from an Online Database

Works Cited:

Lowery, Skip. "Fighting Curriculum Censorship." Abstract. *Education Digest*, 64.3 (1998): 62. *Academic Search Premier*, article A21261643. Print.

Parenthetical: (Lowery)

Electronic Book (ebrary)

Works Cited:

Ferber, Edna. *One Basket*. Champaign, Ill: Project Gutenberg, 199?. netLibrary. 6 Mar. 2001 <<http://www.netLibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=2009409>>.

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Entire Web Site

Works Cited:

Electronic Poetry Center. 2003. SUNY Buffalo. 25 Sept. 2003 <<http://epc.buffalo.edu>>.

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Film, Videorecording or DVD

Works Cited:

Ed Wood. Dir. Tim Burton. Perf. Johnny Depp, Martin Landau, Sarah Jessica Parker, Patricia Arquette. 1994. DVD. Touchstone, 2004.

Parenthetical: (*Ed Wood* 2004)

Government Document

Works Cited:

United States. Dept. of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics. *New Transportation and Service Productivity Measures*. Washington: GPO, 2003. Print.

Parenthetical: (U.S. Dept. of Labor 4-5)

Scripture

Works Cited:

The New Jerusalem Bible. Henry Wansbrough, gen. ed. New York: Doubleday, 1985. Print.

Parenthetical: (1 Cor. 13.1-13)

Online Forum or Discussion Board Posting

Works Cited:

cleaner416. "Add [**** Tags to Selected Text in a Textarea" Online posting. 8 Dec. 2004. Javascript Development. 3 Mar. 2006 <<http://forums.devshed.com/javascript-development-115/add-b-b-tags-to-selected-text-in-a-textarea-209193.html>>.

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Media (Video Clip, ex. You-Tube)

Works Cited:

Lavin Agency. "Margaret Atwood Lecture." Online Posting. 22 Dec. 2006. *YouTube*. 22 Jan. 2007. Web. <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dbrp1tGYsak>>.

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