

A Guide for Citing Sources in Research Papers 2012

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Andrews, Deborah C., and William D. Andrews. *Prophets in the Old Testament*. New York: Macmillan, 2009. Print.

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Alvarez, R. R., Kenneth L. Brown, and Joanne Hack. *Learning to Speak Italian: A Guidebook*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Pub., 2001. Print.

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Morris, Desmond, et. al. *Best Loved America Poetry*. New York: Stein & Stein Pub., 2008. Print.

(Signed Encyclopedia/Dictionary Article)

Rupp, Ernest G. "Berbers." *The Encyclopedia of World Cultures*. 2005 ed. Print.

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"Saudi Africa." *World Book Encyclopedia of People and Places*. 2007 ed. Print.

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Agee, James. "Comedy's Greatest Era." *Contemporary Literary Criticism*. Ed. Alice Kazin. Detroit: Thompson Gale Pub., 1997. 339-357. Print.

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Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Notebook of F. Scott Fitzgerald*. Ed. Matthew Broccoli. New York: Harcourt Pub., 2011. Print.

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Lewis, Flora. "The Bad News is Apathy." *New York Times*. 9 Nov. 2006: A35. Print.

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"Crisis in the World, 1938." Editorial. *New York Times*. 9 Nov. 2008: A34. Print.

Photograph

Saint Paul's Cathedral, London. Personal photograph by author. 14 Mar. 2004. Print.

Tuchsen, David. *Fabulous Photos*. 2005. Alameda Museum, Alameda CA. Print.

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California. Map. Chicago: Rand, 2005. Print.

Maps (Online)

"India." *Maps Online*. N.p. 2010. Web. 3 Jan. 2012.

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Contemporary Literature. Ed. Lisa Brawley and James F. Pacheco. 2008. Web. 1 Oct. 2009.

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Lancashire, Lucas. *Ian Lancashire's Great Discovery*. 28 Mar. 2011. Web. 15 May 2011.

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Lanken, Dane. "Who Shall Inherit the Earth?" *National Geographic* March 2008: 66-72. EBSCOhost. Marin Catholic High School Lib. Web. 12 Jan. 2010.

(Article in a Newspaper or Magazine published online)

Markoff, Jane. "The Voice on the Phone is not Human." *New York Times* June 2007. Web. 4 Jan. 2010.

(Book published Online)

Keats, John. *Poetical Works*. 1884. *Bartleby.com: Great Books Online*. Ed. Steven van Leeuwen. 2006. Web. 5 Nov. 2011.

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"World War I." *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. 2009. Encyclopaedia Online School Edition. Web. Jan. 2011.

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Cosgriff, Malcolm. "My Issues." Cartoon. *Best Cartoons 1996 - 2008*. 4 April 2004. Web. 9 Aug. 2009.

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Halloran, Erica. "Re: Preserving Writing." E-mail to Denise C. Callen. Web. 21 May 2009.

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If the author's name is in the text, provide the pages from the author's work. ex: Tannen has argued this point (178 – 85). If the author's name is referenced, include the author's name and the page numbers. ex: This point has already been argued (Tannen 175 – 85).

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