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Reference Article (no author)	"Jack the Ripper." *The Encyclopedia of Serial Killers,* edited by Michael Newton, 2nd ed., Checkmark Books, 2006, p. 132.	("Jack the Ripper" 132)
Scholarly Journal Article from Database	Evans, Brent J., et al. "Persistence Patterns in Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)." *Journal of Higher Education,* vol. 87, no. 2, 2013, pp. 206-42. *Academic Search Premier,* search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=113075451&site=ehost-live.	(Evans et al. 211) NOTE: If more than two authors, give first author followed by et al.
Article on a website	Twilley, Nicola, and Cynthia Graber. "Kelp is the New Kale." *The Atlantic,* 13 Sept. 2016, www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2016/09/gastropod-seaweed/499760/.	(Twilley and Graber)
Page of a Website (same author & publisher)	"PTSD Basics." *PTSD: National Center for PTSD,* United States, Department of Veterans Affairs, 27 May 2016, www.ptsd.va.gov/public/PTSD-overview/basics/index.asp.	("PTSD Basics")
Streaming TV Episode	"The Wheel." *Mad Men,* season 1, episode 13, AMC Television, 18 Oct. 2007. *Netflix,* www.netflix.com/watch/70143391.	("The Wheel")

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Container 1

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5	Version,	Edition or revision/version number (e.g. 2nd ed.)
6	Number,	Volume & issue (e.g., "vol. 34" or "vol. 12, no. 3")
7	Publisher,	
8	Publication Date,	e.g., "2016" or "Fall 2016" or "16 Sept. 2016"
9	Location.	Page number (p.) or page range (pp.)

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4	Other contributors,	
5	Version,	
6	Number,	
7	Publisher,	
8	Publication Date,	
9	Location.	DOI, permalink, or URL (in order of preference)

Template example: Article in a Database. **Notice how only some categories are needed**

Core Elements: The Article

1	Author(s).	Dove-Wiebahn, Aviva.
2	"Title of source."	"Pockets of Resistance."

Container 1: Magazine

3	Title of container,	*Ms. Magazine,*
6	Number,	vol. 23, no. 3,
8	Publication Date,	Fall 2014,
9	Location.	pp. 48-49.

Container 2: Database

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