Works Cited Format

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Remember to alphabetize all entries. Your parenthetical documentation will be the author's last name from the Works Cited citation plus the page number; ex. (Wiesel 135). If there is no author, the entry will begin with the title. For the parenthetical documentation, use the full title unless the title is longer than five words. Then, use the first short phrase of the title. Example: *Buffalo Bill and the Indians, or Sitting Bull's History Lesson* would be changed to (*Buffalo Bill and the Indians* 46). If any bit of information is NOT available, skip it and move to the next piece. Use n.p. for no publisher, n. pag. for no page number, and n.d. for no date.

Book:
Author(s). *Title of Book*. Place published: Publisher, year published. Print.

Examples:

Henley, Patricia. *The Hummingbird House*. Denver: MacMurray, 1999. Print.

Wiesel, Elie. *Night*. New York: Bantam, 1982. Print.

An article from a reference book:
Author(s). "Title of Entry." *Title of Book*. Edition. Print.

Examples:

"Ideology." *The American Heritage Dictionary*. 3rd ed. 2009. Print.

Madison, Hunter. "Indiana." *Encyclopedia Britannica*. 2007 ed. Print.

The Bible (specific edition):
Name of the edition you are using. Editor. Place of publication: Publisher, date. Print.

Examples:

The King James Bible. Ed. C. I. Scofield. Oxford University Press, 1967. Print.

The New Jerusalem Bible. Ed. Susan Jones. New York: Doubleday, 1985. Print.

An article in a periodical (newspaper or magazine):
Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Date: pages. Print.

Examples:

Brubaker, Bill. "New Health Center Targets County's Uninsured Patients." *Washington Post*

24 May 2007: LZ01. Print.

Buchman, Dana. "A Special Education." *Good Housekeeping* Mar. 2006: 143-48. Print.

A web page or site:
Editor/Author Name. "Title of Web Page." *Name of Site*. Name of organization/group

responsible for the site, date of original. Web. Date of access.

Examples:

CNN.com. Cable News Network, 2010. Web. 19 May 2010. (This is an entire **site**.)

Kirk, Connie. "2010 Printz Award for YA Literature Goes to 'Going Bovine.'" *Examiner.com*.

Clarity Digital Group, 21 Jan. 2010. Web. 15 Oct. 2010. (This is a web ***page***.)

"Prejudice." *Dictionary.com*. Dictionary.com, 15 June 2008. Web. 7 Sept. 2009. (This is a

web **page**.)

An article from an online database: ex. INSPIRE, SIRS, or SRC-Gold:
Author(s). "Title of Article." *Original Source of Article* Date of original: page(s). *Database*

Name. Web. Date of access.

Examples:

Junge, Wolfgang, and Nathan Nelson. "Nature's Rotary Electromotors." *Science* 29 Apr.

2005: 642-44. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 5 Mar. 2010.

Ross, Jenna. "Student Barred after Facebook Posts." *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis) 16 Dec.

2009: A.1. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 7 July 2009.

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