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Note: The following examples have been adjusted to save space. Please see the handbook for proper format (page setup, line spacing, margins).

Books

<u>Type of Entry</u>	<u>In-Text Citation</u>	<u>Works Cited</u>	<u>Section of Handbook</u>
Book, Single Author	(Keyser 75).	Keyser, Elizabeth Lennox. <i>Whispers in the Dark: The Fiction of Louisa May Alcott.</i> Knoxville: U of Tennessee P, 1993. Print.	5.5.2
Electronic Book Single Author	(Cole 48).	Cole, Leonard A. <i>The Anthrax Letters: A Medical Detective Story.</i> Washington, DC: National Academies, 2003. <i>NetLibrary.</i> Web. 30 June 2009.	5.6.2

Book, Two or More Authors	(Sternberg and Sternberg 104).	Sternberg, Robert J., and Karin Sternberg. <i>Nature of Hate</i> . New York: Cambridge UP, 2008. Print.	5.5.4
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Note: If there are more than three authors, name only the first and add *et al* (“and others”), or name each author (5.5.4).

Author’s Work in an Anthology	(Auerbach 10).	Auerbach, Nina. “Jane Austen and Romantic Imprisonment.” <i>Jane Austen in a Social Context</i> . Ed. David Monaghan. Totowa, NJ: Barnes, 1981. 9-27. Print.	5.5.6
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A Multivolume Work	(Tannenbaum and Tannenbaum 5: 6).	Tannenbaum, Samuel, and Dorothy Tannenbaum. <i>Elizabethan Bibliographies</i> . 10 vols. 1937-1950. Port Washington, NY: Kennikat, 1967. Print.	5.5.14
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Note: The above example is also a republished book (5.5.16).

Periodicals

Article in a Weekly Magazine	(Brokaw 21).	Brokaw, Tom. “Walter Cronkite.” <i>Time</i> 3 Aug. 2009: 20-21. Print.	5.4.6
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Article in a Weekly Magazine	(“Murder Is Murder”).	“Murder Is Murder.” <i>Macleans</i> 20 Apr. 2009: 10. <i>Expanded Academic ASAP</i> . Web. 13 Aug. 2009.	5.6.4.
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Note: When there is no author cited, use the title of the work (5.4.9).

Note: When citing from a **one-page work**, it is unnecessary to include a page number in the parenthetical reference (6.2).

Article in a Newspaper	(MacMullan).	MacMullan, Jackie. “New Tricks for Old Underdogs.” <i>Boston Globe</i> 12 Jan. 2008, 3 rd ed.: C1. <i>LexisNexis</i> . Web. 13 Aug. 2009	5.4.5 & 5.6.4
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Article in a Monthly Magazine	(Wood 72).	Wood, Graeme. “Moving Heaven and Earth.” <i>The Atlantic</i> July/Aug. 200: 70-76. Print.	5.4.6
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Article in a Journal	(Bell 377).	Bell, Christine. "Peace Agreements." 5.6.4 <i>The American Journal of Inter- National Law</i> . 100.2 (Apr. 2006): 373-412. <i>JSTOR</i> . Web. 8 July 2009.
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Some Other Examples

Web Site	(Stanton).	Stanton, Elizabeth Cady. "Address 5.6.1 on Women's Rights." <i>The Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony Papers Project</i> . Rutgers. July 2009. Web. 13 Aug. 2009. < http://ecssba.rutgers.edu/docs/ ecswoman1/html >.
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Note: URL included to facilitate location of source

Interview	(Cruz).	Cruz, Nancy. Telephone Interview. 5.7.7 14 July 2008,
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Television Program	("Greedy Geezers").	"Greedy Geezers." Narr. John 5.7.1 Stossel. <i>20/20</i> . ABC. WCVB. Boston. 8 May 2009. Television.
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Video	(<i>Mystic River</i>).	<i>Mystic River</i> . Dir. Clint Eastwood. 5.7.3 Perf. Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon, Lawrence Fish- burn, and Marcia Gay Harden. 2003. Warner, 2004. DVD.
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