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**The example:** Green, John, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle. *Let It Snow:  
Three Holiday Romances*. New York: Penguin, 2008.  
Print.

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*Title of Encyclopedia*. Publisher or sponsor, Edition Year.  
Format. Day, Month, Year of access.

**The example:** Buchenau, Jurgen. "Mexico." *World Book Student*. World Book,  
2009. Web. 5 Oct. 2009.

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article  
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**The rule:** Author's (if known) Last name, First name. "Title of Article."  
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**The examples:** Hensley, William. Telephone Interview. 22 Jul. 2009.  
Gomez, Scott. Personal Interview. 15 Apr. 2008.

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**The example:** Kurlantzick, Joshua. "Hmong Friends." *New Republic* 236.6. 5 Feb. 2007: 11-15. *Student Research Center*. Web. 5 Oct. 2009.

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**The example:** Pardue, Charlie. *Athabascan beading*. Digital image. *Alaska Native Heritage Center*. Alaska Native Heritage Center, 2008. Web. 6 Oct. 2009.

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**The example:** Obringer, Lee Ann. "How Dreams Work." *How Stuff Works*. Discovery Communications, 27 Jan. 2005. Web. 5 Oct. 2009.

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