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Book Encyclopedia. 2002.*

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<<http://www.worldbookonline.com>>.

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Clinton, Bill. Personal Interview. 15 Apr. 2003.

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**The example:** Johnson, Rich. "Stay Dry or Die!" Outdoor Life Feb.-Mar. 2002: 84+.

**Newspaper  
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**The rule:** *Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Newspaper Day Month Year, edition (if listed): page number(s).*

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**Online Databases**  
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**The example:** Martin, Howard. "Victory!" Boys' Life Jan. 2002: 28+. Electric Library. Big Chalk. Clark Middle School Library, Anchorage, AK. 15 Apr. 2002  
<<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com/libweb/elib/do/search>>.

**Radio/TV**

**The rule:** *"Title of Episode." Title of Program. Network/Station, Day Month, Year.*

**The example:** "Latch Key Kids." Hour Magazine. CBS, 15 Nov., 1983.

**Web  
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**The example:** USGS. 9 July 2002. United States Geological Survey. 31 Aug. 2002. <<http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/>>.  
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