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Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal, volume number (issue number)*, page numbers. Retrieval Statement which is the date of access and the name of the database.

**Journal Example:**

**Magazine Ex:**

**Newspaper Ex:**

ARTICLES FROM ONLINE PERIODICALS (E-Journals - not from a periodical database)

**Magazine Example:**

**Example from Internet-only Journal.**

**Newspaper (no author)**

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**E-Book**
E-Book from Subscription

**BASIC WEB PAGE/DOCUMENT AND WEB SITE**

**Basic Page**
Author, A. A. (Date). *Title of work*. Retrieved month day, year, from URL

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