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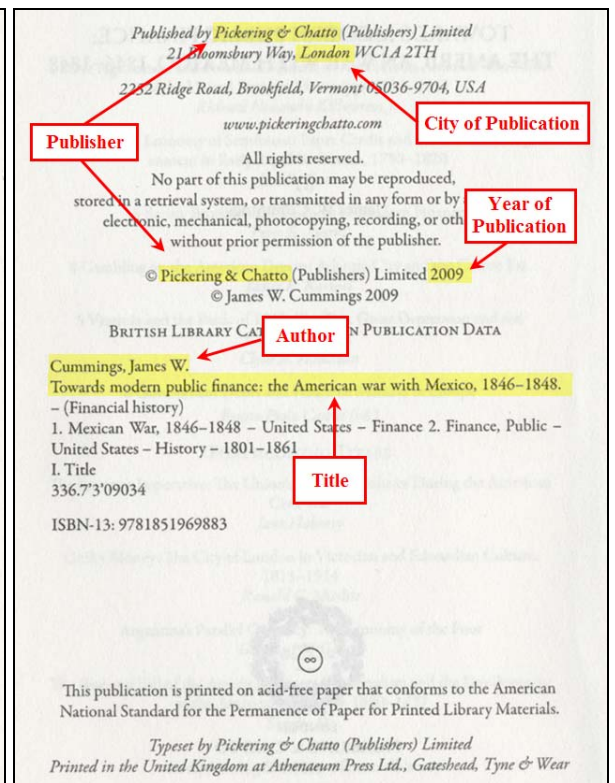
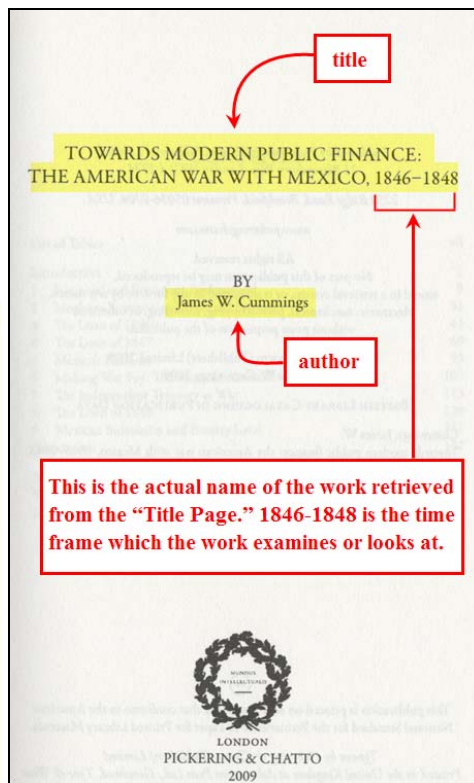
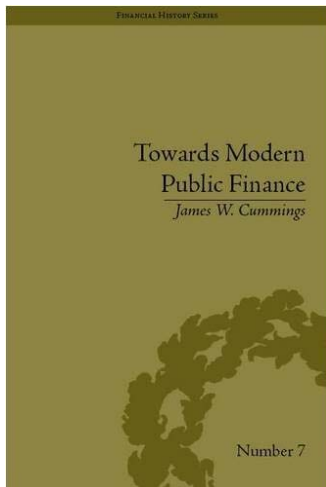
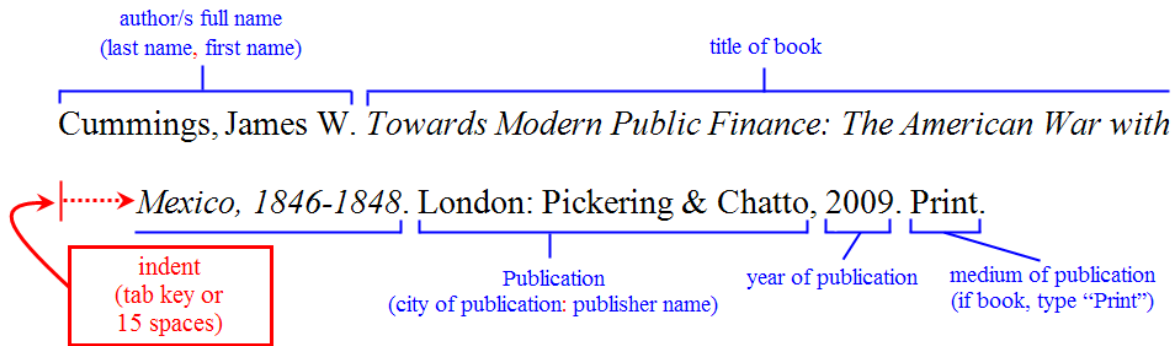
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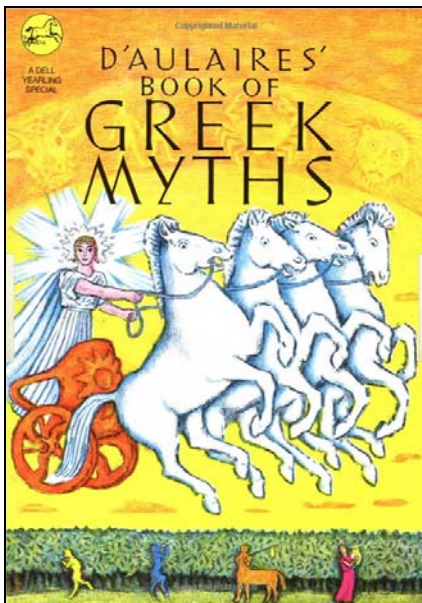
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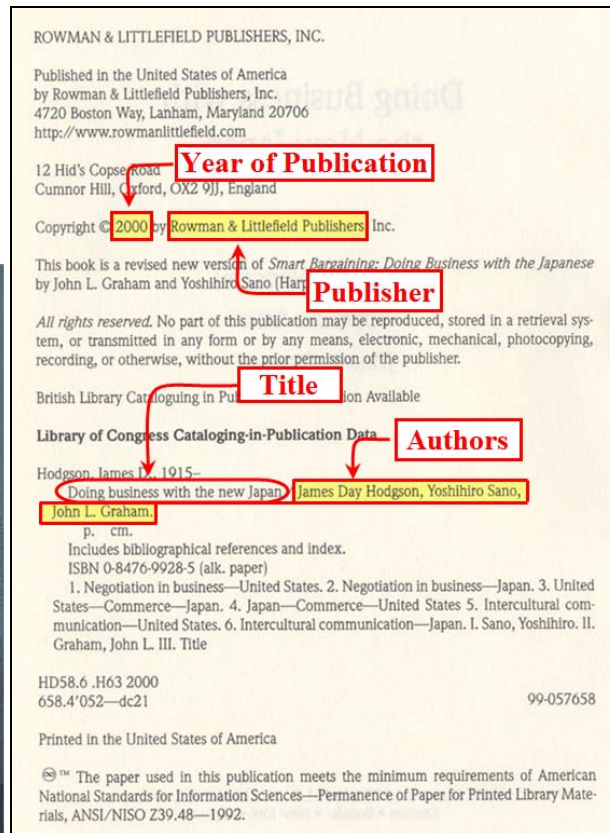
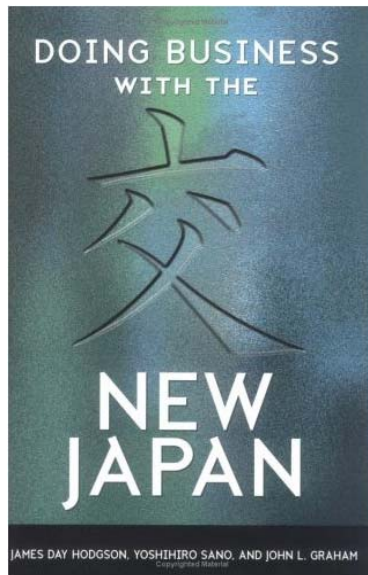
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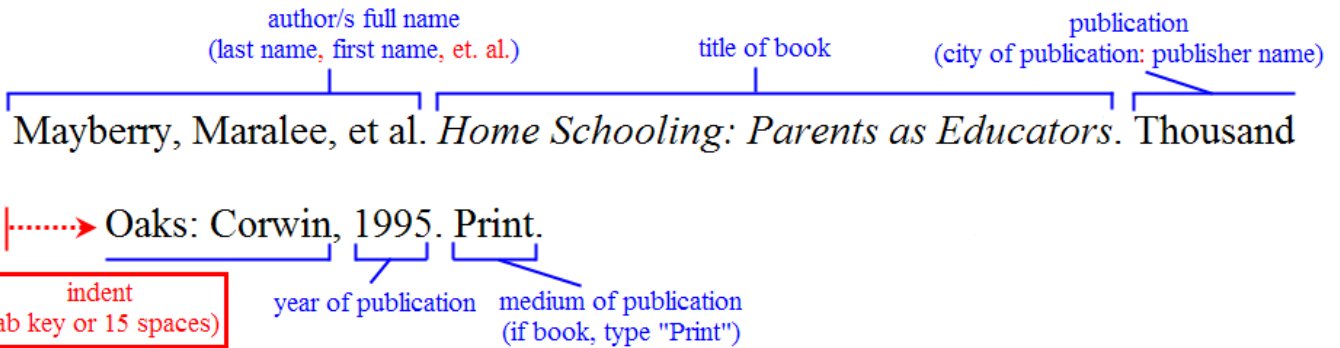
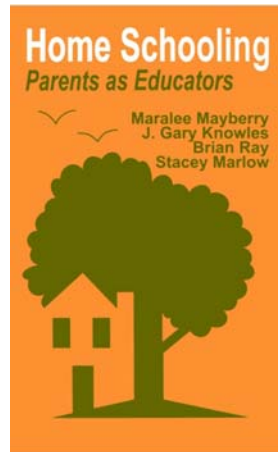


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In America today, as many as half a million of our school-age children are being taught in the home, and that figure is expected to more than double in the next ten years. Why are so many American parents opting out of public education and choosing to teach their children at home? And who are the home schoolers?

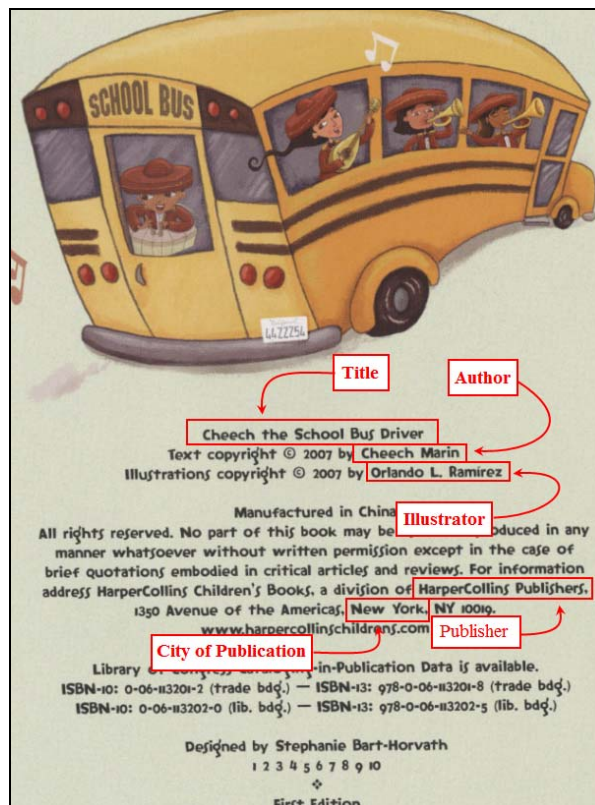
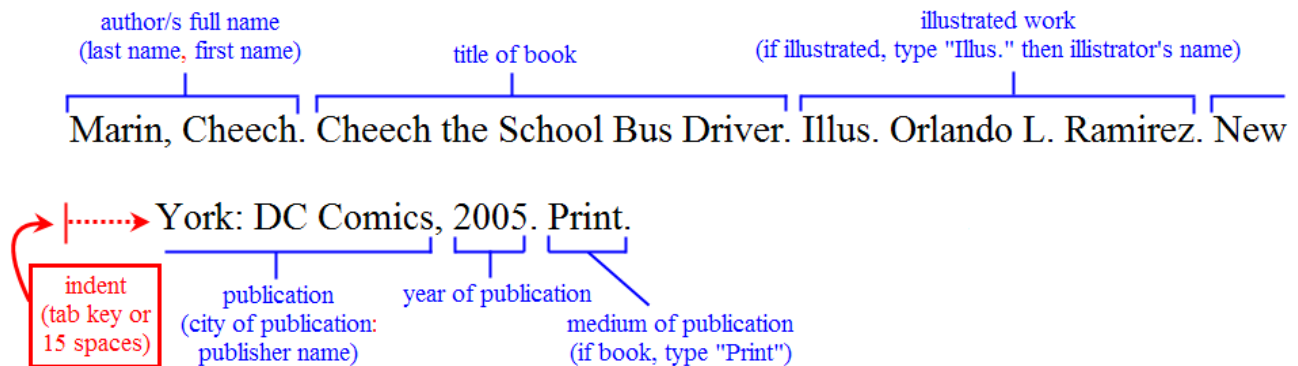
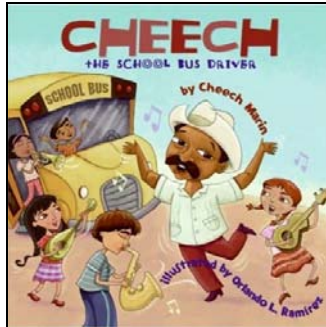
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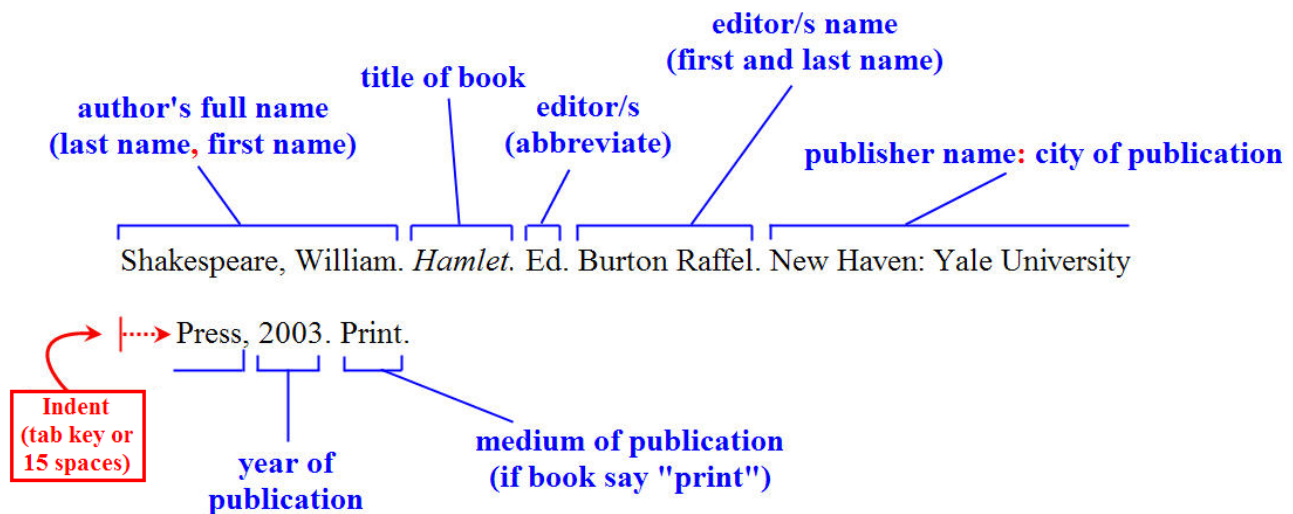
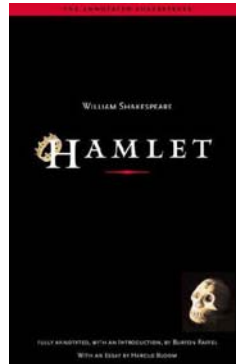


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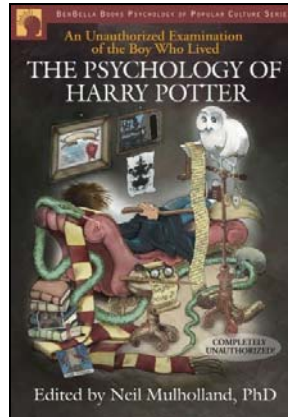
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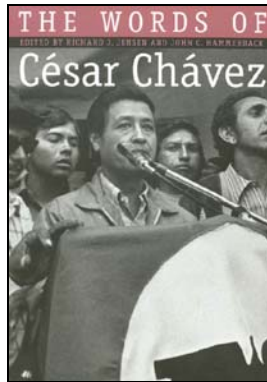
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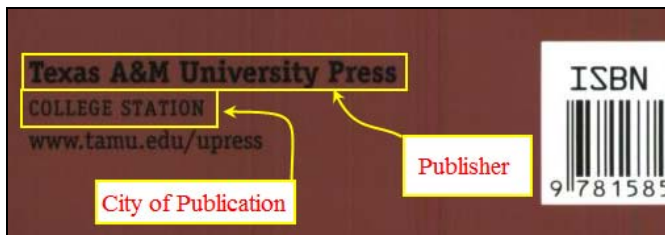
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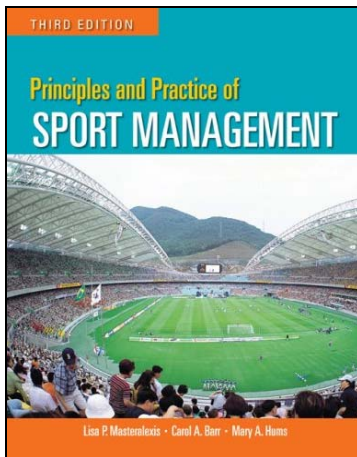
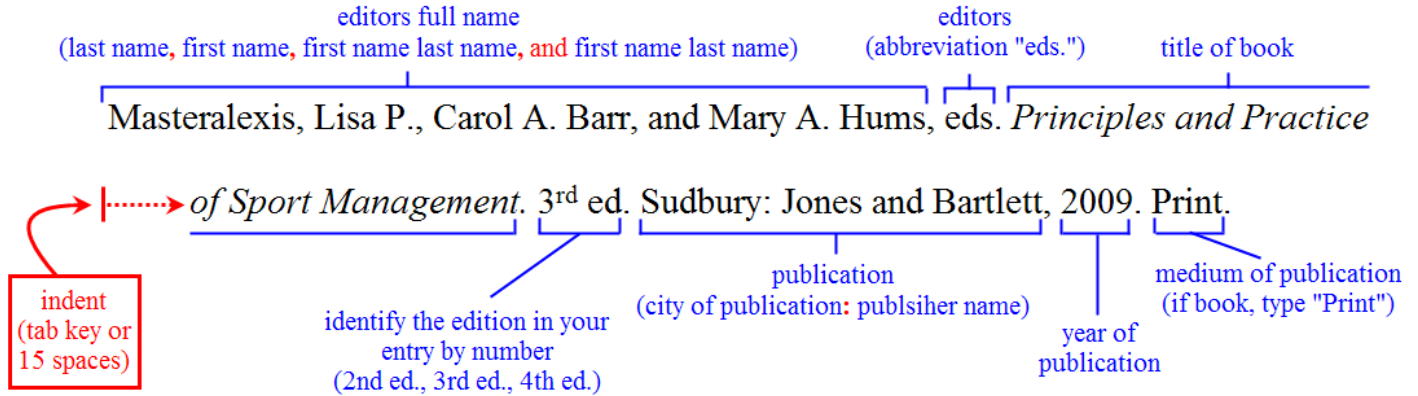


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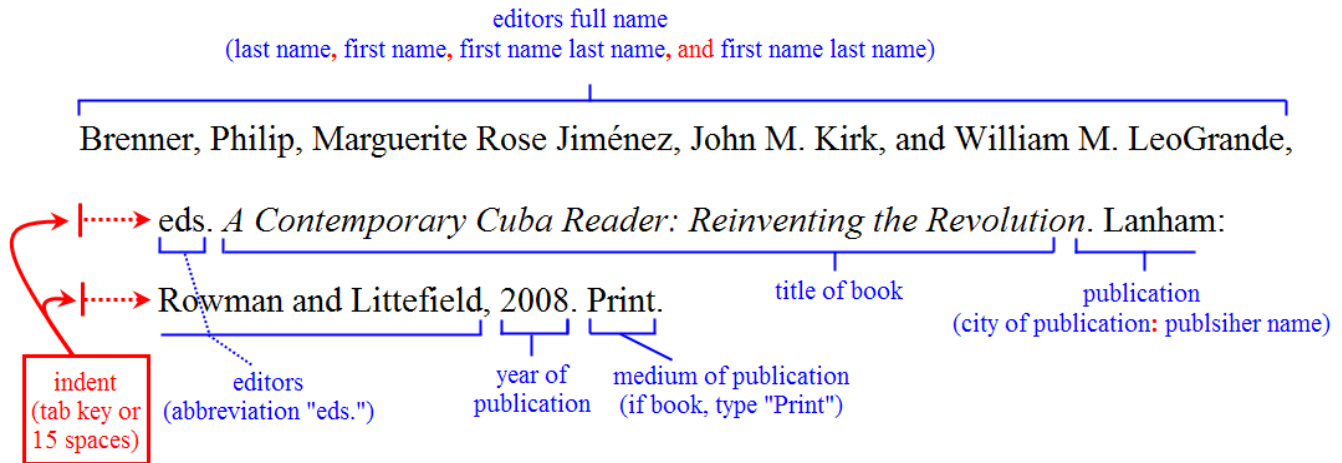
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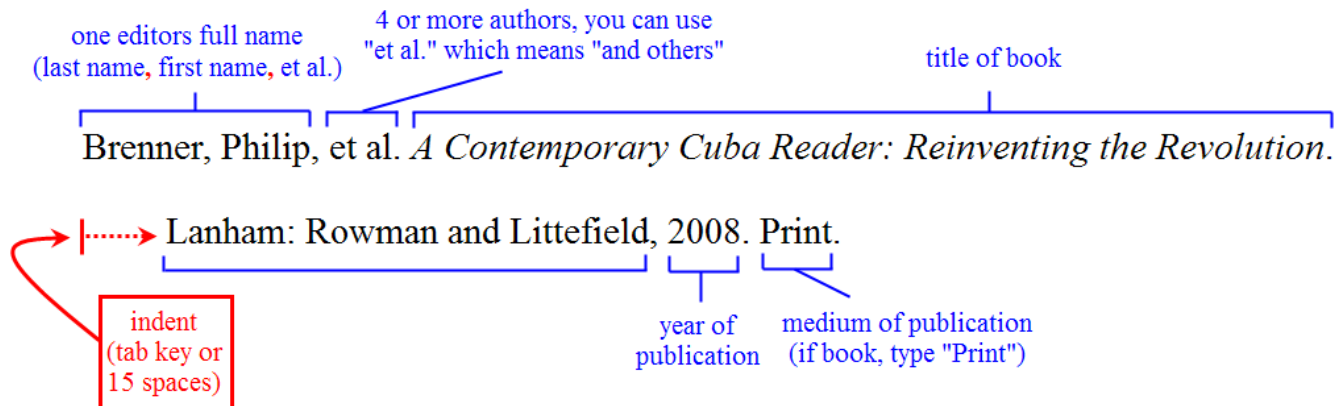
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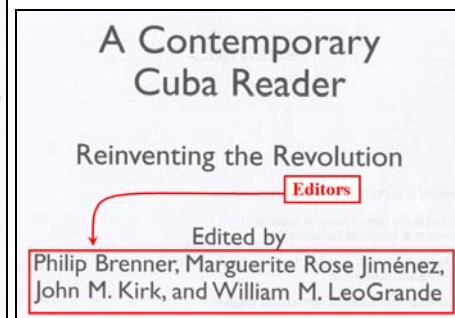
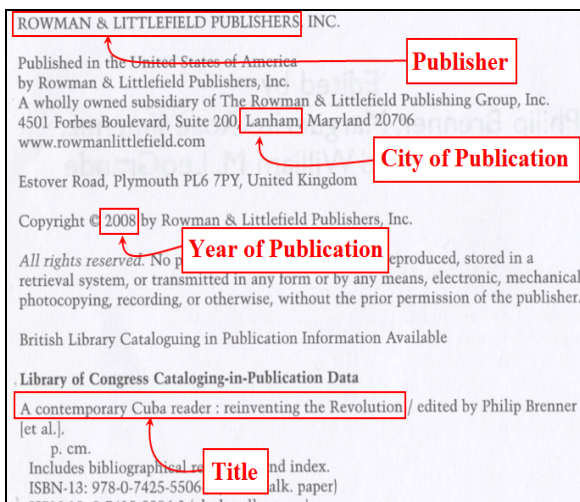
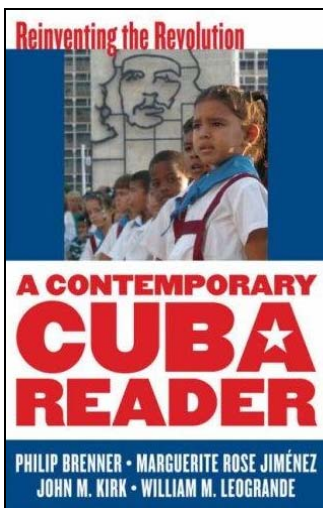
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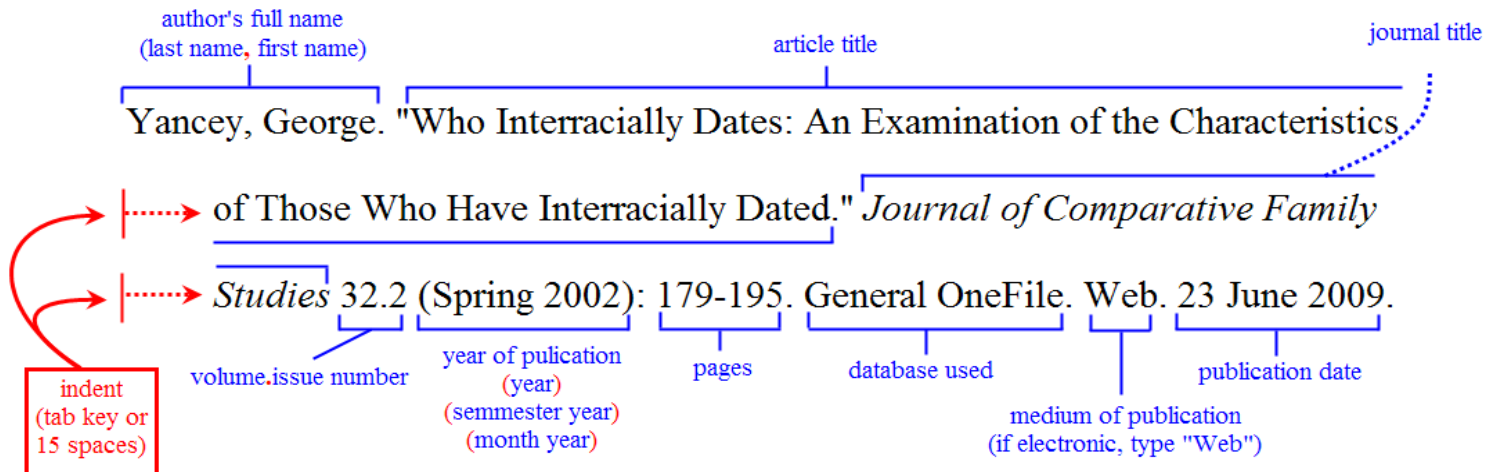
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Example 1



The screenshot shows a library database search results page. The article title is "Who interracially dates: an examination of the characteristics of those who have interracially dated *". The author is George Yancey. The source is *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* 33.2 (Spring 2002) p179(17). (5008 words). The document type is Magazine/Journal. The bookmark is "Bookmark this Document". The library links are "Previous", "1", and "Next".

The number 17 lets you know that the article is 17 pages long. Thus, if the paper starts on page 179, it will end on page 195.

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Abstract: Interracial romantic relationships concentrates upon regression analysis was conducted on the analysis analyzed separately. Similar demographic groups were analyzed separately. attended interracial dating and those who significant explanation of interracial dating relationships to "trade up" by dating racial minorities with higher economic and educational attainment.

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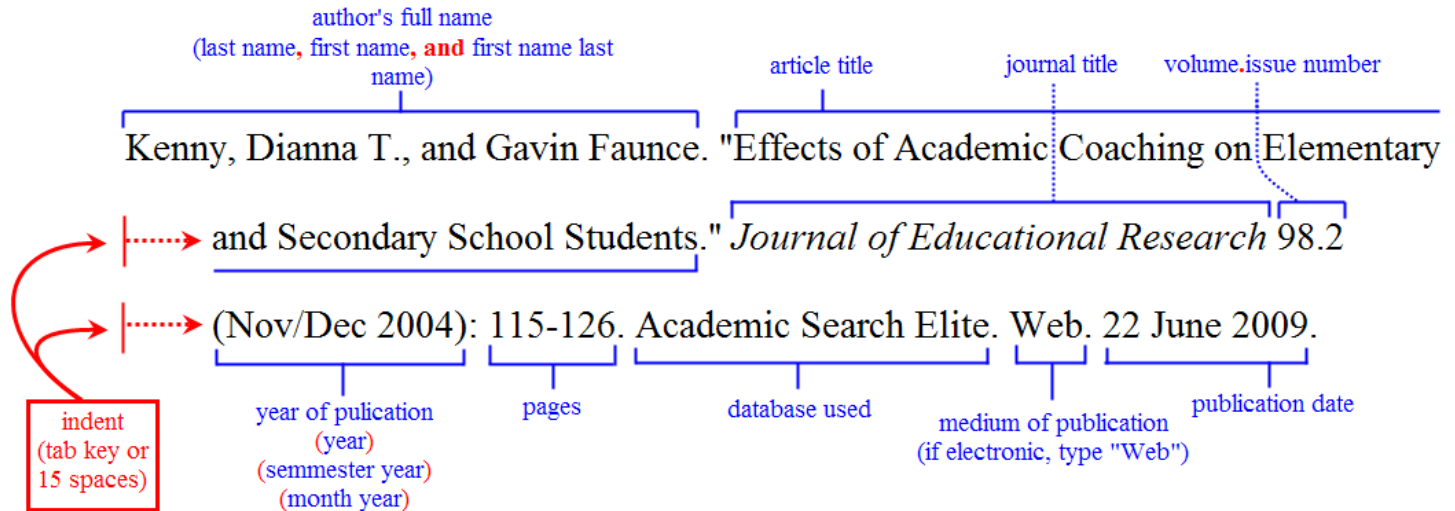
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Journal Articles in an Online Database

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The screenshot shows a search results page with a list of articles. The first article is "Effects of Academic Coaching on Elementary and Secondary School Students" by Kenny, Dianna T.; Faunce, Gavin. The article is available in PDF format (1.3MB). A red arrow points from the "PDF Full Text" link to a detailed view of the article.

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- Title:** Effects of Academic Coaching on Elementary and Secondary School Students.
- Authors:** Kenny, Dianna T.¹ D.Kenny@fhs.usyd.edu.au; Faunce, Gavin¹
- Source:** Journal of Educational Research; Nov/Dec2004, Vol. 98 Issue 2, p115-126, 12p, 2 charts

A red box highlights the citation information, which matches the example citation: **Kenny, Dianna T., and Gavin Faunce.** "Effects of Academic Coaching on Elementary and Secondary School Students." *Journal of Educational Research* 98.2 (Nov/Dec 2004): 115-126. Academic Search Elite. Web. 22 June 2009.

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Abstract (Summary)
The first **Cinco de Mayo** festival held in Watts is featured. Blacks and Latinos came together to celebrate each other's culture and Mexico's long-ago victory over the French.

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Critic: John MacCunn
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Date Retrieved (viewed):	August 21, 2009

MLA Example:

Lent, John A. "Edgar Allan Poe." *American Journalists, 1741-1850* 73 (1988): n.p. Rpt. in *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. Ed. Same G. Riley. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 12 Aug. 2009.

The screenshot shows the Literature Resource Center database interface. At the top, there are six tabs: Literature Criticism (1), Biographies (1), Topic & Work Overviews (0), Reviews & News (0), Primary Sources & Literary Works (0), and Multimedia (0). The 'Biographies' tab is selected. Below the tabs is a search bar with the text 'Sort by: Relevance' and a dropdown arrow. Below the search bar is a list of search results. The first result is marked with a checkbox and labeled '1. Edgar Allan Poe. John A. Lent.' The title of the entry is 'American Magazine Journalists, 1741-1850. Ed. Sam G. Riley. Dictionary of Literary Biography Vol. 73. Detroit: Gale Research, 1988. From Literature Resource Center.' To the right of the entry, it says 'Biography, Critical essay' and '100% relevant'. Below the entry is a link labeled 'Full-text'. At the bottom of the results list, there are navigation buttons: 'Previous', '1', and 'Next'.

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YouTube:

Source*:	Jistaff
Title:	Character Education Success in High School
Web site (italicized):	<i>YouTube.com</i>
Publisher or Sponsor:	YouTube
Date of published:	November 19, 2009
Medium of publication:	Web
Date Viewed:	November 19, 2009†
URL:	No URL is needed.

MLA Example:

Jistaff. "Character Education Success in High School." *YouTube.com*. YouTube, 6 Sept. 2007. Web. 19 Nov. 2009.

*Source: name of the author, compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator of the work.

‡In YouTube the source is "jistaff."

† The date an electronic resource was retrieved is important if the content you are citing is likely to be changed or updated.

The screenshot shows the YouTube interface for the video "Character Education Success in High School" by the channel "jistaff". The video title is highlighted with a red box. The video player shows a quote: "The next generation will be the stewards of our communities, nations, and planet in extraordinarily critical times. In such times, the well being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good moral character." attributed to "-TheAspenDeclaration". The right sidebar displays the channel name "jistaff", the upload date "September 06, 2007", a description of the video, a URL, an embed code, a donation section, and a "More From" section with a link to "Character Education Success in Elementary/Middle School".

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Website (example 1):

Title:	Space Exploration
Web site (italicized):	<i>Wikipedia.org</i>
Publisher or Sponsor:	Wikipedia
Date item was published/modified:	November 18, 2009
Medium of publication:	Web
Date Viewed:	November 19, 2009†
URL:	No URL is needed.

MLA Example:

“Space Exploration.” *Wikipedia.org*. Wikipedia, 18 Nov. 2009. Web. 19 Nov. 2009.

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Space exploration". The title "Space exploration" is highlighted with a red box. Below the title, it says "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia". A warning box states: "This article **needs additional citations for verification**. Please help [improve this article](#) by adding [reliable references](#). Unsourced material may be [challenged](#) and removed. (September 2008)". The main text begins: "Space exploration is the use of [astronomy](#) and [space technology](#) to explore [outer space](#).^[1] Physical [exploration](#) of space is conducted both by [human spaceflights](#) and by [robotic spacecraft](#). While the observation of objects in space, known as [astronomy](#), predates reliable [recorded history](#), it was the development of large liquid-fueled [rocket engines](#) during the early 20th century that allowed physical space exploration to become a reality. Common rationales for exploring space include advancing scientific research, uniting different". A photograph of space is visible on the right. The bottom of the page shows the date "This page was last modified on 18 November 2009 at 17:28." highlighted with a red box. The footer includes the Wikimedia Foundation logo and text: "Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization." and links for "Contact us", "Privacy policy", "About Wikipedia", and "Disclaimers".

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Website (example 2):

Source*:	Lydia Saad
Title:	U.S. Waiting for Race Relations to Improve Under Obama
Web site (italicized):	<i>Gallup.com</i>
Publisher or Sponsor:	Gallup
Date item was published/modified:	November 9, 2009
Medium of publication:	Web
Date Viewed:	November 19, 2009†
URL:	No URL is needed.

MLA Example:

Saad, Lydia. "U.S. Waiting for Race Relations to Improve Under Obama." *Gallup.com*. Gallup, 9 Nov. 2009. Web. 19 Nov. 2009.

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Gallup website. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.gallup.com/poll/124181/u.s.-waiting-race-relations-improve-obama.aspx>. The page header includes the date "November 19 Updated 01:00 PM EST" and navigation links like "About Gallup", "Careers", "Global Offices", and "Sign In/Register". The Gallup logo is prominently displayed. Below the logo, there are navigation tabs for "DAILY NEWS", "POLITICS", "BUSINESS", "WELL-BEING", and "WORLD". A "GALLUP CONSULTING" link and "Client Login" are also visible. The main content area features the article title "U.S. Waiting for Race Relations to Improve Under Obama" in green, with the subtitle "Hope for long-term improvement still abounds" and the author "by Lydia Saad". The date "November 9, 2009" is shown at the top left of the article. A "POLITICS" sidebar on the right offers more news. The footer contains various links like "Well-Being Index", "Widget", "Market Research", "Hospitality", "Speakers Bureau", and "StrengthsFinder". The copyright notice "Copyright © 2009 Gallup, Inc. All rights reserved." is at the bottom left.

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Website (example 3):

Title: Mathematics
Web site (italicized): *LAUSD.k12.ca.us/kids*
Publisher or Sponsor: LAUSDnet
Date item was published/modified: 2000
Medium of publication: Web
Date Viewed: November 19, 2009†
URL: No URL is needed.

MLA Example:

“Mathematics.” *Lausd.k12.ca.us/kids*. LAUSDnet, 2000. Web. 19 Nov. 2009.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "LAUSDnet Kids - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar contains the URL <http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/kids/>. The website's main header features the "LAUSDnet Kids" logo in large yellow letters on a blue background, with the tagline "The Official Website for the Students of LAUSD" below it. A navigation bar includes links for Kids' Home, MyMail, Bots' Blog, Subjects, News & TV, Search, Just 4 Fun, Art Gallery, and Reference Guides. The main content area is designed to look like a corkboard. It features a "Mathematics" section with a link to "...back to Subjects" and a list of resources: "Some fun MATH Worksheets with the Bots" and "NAMU's Math Aquarium". A prominent "MUST SEE SITE" recommendation is for "Explore Learning -Experience Math and Science with GIZMOS - an interactive learning experience". To the right of the text is a diagram of an ellipse with semi-major axis 'a' and semi-minor axis 'b'. Below the main content, there are sections for "Mr. Anker's tests" (Refreshers activities for returning to school) and "OPEN COURT LESSONS: 4th Grade Open Court Lesson, WILDERNESS SURVIVAL". At the bottom of the page, a copyright notice states "Copyright '2000' was located at the bottom of the page." and includes a disclaimer about the website's content and a note to parents about internet safety.

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Dictionary (online):

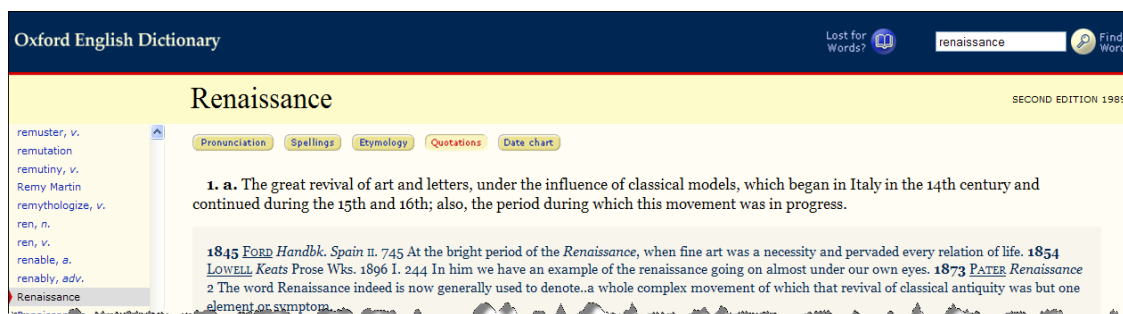
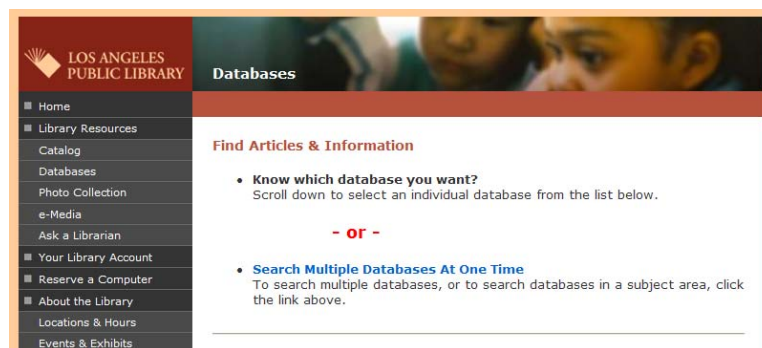
Title:	Renaissance
Entry number*:	Entry 1
Web site (italicized):	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> †
Publisher or Sponsor:	Oxford English Dictionary
Date item was published/modified:	2009
Medium of publication:	Web
Date Viewed:	November 19, 2009
URL:	No URL is needed.

MLA Example:

“Renaissances.” Entry 1. *Oxford English Dictionary*. Oxford English Dictionary, 2009. Web. 19 Nov. 2009.

*Citing a specific entry among several for the same word, add *Entry* and the appropriate designation.

†The *Oxford English Dictionary* was accessed from the Los Angeles Public Library databases page at lapl.org.



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[MLA Handbook: 5.5.7]

Encyclopedia (print):

Title:	Major Team and Individual Sports
Web site (italicized):	<i>The New Encyclopaedia Britannica</i>
Publisher or Sponsor:	The New Encyclopaedia Britannica
Date item was published/modified:	1998
Medium of publication:	Web
Date Viewed:	November 19, 2009†

MLA Example:

“Major Team and Individual Sports.” *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*. 1998. Print.

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Encyclopedia (online):

Title:	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R. or <i>Soviet Union</i>)
Web site (italicized):	<i>Encyclopaedia Britannica Online</i> †
Publisher or Sponsor:	Britannica Concise Encyclopedia
Date item was published/modified:	2009
Medium of publication:	Web
Date Viewed:	November 28, 2009
URL:	No URL is needed.

MLA Example:

“Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.” *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Britannica Concise

Encyclopedia. 2009. Web. 28 Nov. 2009. <http://search.eb.com/ebc/article-9381529>

†The *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online* was accessed from the Oviatt Library databases page at <http://library.csun.edu/xerxes/categories/a-z>.

The screenshot shows the Encyclopaedia Britannica Online website. Red boxes and arrows highlight specific elements for citation:

- Title:** Points to the article title "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.)".
- Web site name:** Points to the "Encyclopaedia Britannica Online" logo.
- Publisher or Sponsor:** Points to "Britannica Concise Encyclopedia".
- Date item was published/modified:** Points to the date "December 1, 2009" and the URL "http://search.eb.com/ebc/article-9381529".

Other visible text includes: "ACADEMIC EDITION", "HOME | WORKSPACE | GUIDED TOUR | HELP", "SEARCH:", "GO Advanced Search", "Try Other Research Tools", "The Index", "A-Z Browse", "Timelines", "SAVE TO WORKSPACE", "PRINT PAGE", "PRINT ARTICLE", "Expand Your Research", "Comments & Questions", "Subscription Form", "Copyright Guidelines/Usage Agreement", "Legal Notices", and "© 2009 Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc."