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  McGillivray, Alice V., Richard M. Scammon, and Rhodes Cook.


If there are more than three authors, you may name only the first and add “et al.” (“and others”) or you may give all names in full in the order in which they appear on the title page.

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- **AN ARTICLE IN AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OR REFERENCE BOOK**
  


- **UNSIGNED ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE BOOK**
  
• **A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY OR COLLECTION**


• **MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

**Weekly or Every Two Weeks**

Birnbaum, Jeffrey H. “The Man Who Could be President.” *Fortune*


**Monthly or Every Two Months**


• **AN ANONYMOUS ARTICLE**


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“29.3” signifies volume 29, issue number 3. Add a period and the issue number directly after the volume number, without spaces.

• **NEWSPAPER**

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  Treat a pamphlet as you would a book.


• **GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS**


• **INTERVIEWS**

  There are three types of interviews: published or recorded, broadcasts on television or radio, and interviews conducted by a researcher.


  **Personally Conducted Interview**

  Name the person interviewed, and indicate the type of interview you conducted (personal or telephone), and the date.


ELECTRONIC SOURCES

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- Magazine or journal title, italicized.
- Date of magazine or journal and page numbers in the following order: day, month, year, colon, and page numbers. If citing a scholarly journal article, include the volume number followed by a period and the issue number. The year of publication will follow. If page numbers are not available, use: n. pag.
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- Medium of publication: Web.
- Date of access in the following order: day, month, and year.

Examples:

"Bobby Flay's Mesa Grill Cookbook: Explosive Flavors from the Southwestern Kitchen."


- **An Article in an Online Magazine**


- **An Article in an Online Scholarly Journal**


- **Organization Websites**


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A personal web site should contain the following elements:

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- Title of site, italicized.
- Date of last update, if available.
- Web.
- Date of access.


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