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  Johnson, Steven. *How We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World.*


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  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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Weekly or Every Two Weeks

Von Drehle, David. “The Ones Who Answered the Call.” *Time*


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Print.

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“64.6” signifies volume 64, issue number 6. Add a period and the issue number directly after the volume number, without spaces.

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Treat a pamphlet as you would a book.
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Published and Broadcast Interviews


Personally Conducted Interview

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

Frisch, Victoria. Personal interview. 7 May 2014.

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