

*When you find a citation, how do you know if it is for a book, a scholarly, journal article, a magazine, etc.? This handout will give you some tips.*

**BOOK CITATIONS**

Book citations will always have a publisher, place of publication, and year of publication.

The Voices of African American Women: The Use of Narrative and Authorial Voice in the Works of Harriet Jacobs, Zora Neale Hurston, and Alice Walker Johnson, Yvonne New York, NY : Peter Lang 1998

TIP: To find this in the library use Minerva, the Library Catalog, and type in the title of the book or the name of the author, last name first.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

This citation is for a chapter in a scholarly book. It has a publisher, place of publication and a year of publication, but it also includes two clues which indicate it is a chapter: “In:” and then the name of the book, “ed.” for editor (rather than an author). In this case it also includes the pages of the chapter (87-94) and the total number of pages in the book.

Return from the Implants: Cyberpunk's Schizophrenic Future. In: Kraus, Elisabeth (ed. and introd.); 259 pp.; *Simulacrum America: The USA and the Popular Media*; Camden House, Rochester, NY: 87-94

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**ARTICLES**

Periodical articles (like newspapers, magazines, and scholarly journals) will have volume and/or issue numbers and usually a day, month, or season of publication along with the year. Also, they will indicate the page numbers of the article.

Lancaster, Kurt “Neil Gaiman's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream': Shakespeare Integrated into Popular Culture” *Journal of American & Comparative Cultures* 23, no. 3 (2000 Fall): p. 69-77

Newspapers will often include the number of words in the article rather than the number of pages (since many news articles are fairly short). Page numbers will also often include the section (A, B, C, D, etc.) of the paper too (3E in this case).

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN), October 8, 2003, Wednesday, Metro Edition, VARIETY; BOOKS MIDWEEK; Pg. 3E, 680 words, ILLUSTRATED BOOKS; Neil Gaiman brings Morpheus back, Eric Hanson; Staff Writer



TIP: To find these, use Journal Finder from the library main web page <http://library.louisville.edu>. Type the name of the journal, magazine or newspaper (ex. *Journal of American & Comparative Cultures* or *Star Tribune*) NOT the title of the article.

## DISSERTATIONS

This is a citation to an abstract (short summary) of a dissertation in Dissertation Abstracts.

Rivers of Blood: A Comparative Study of Government Massacres.  
Uekert, Brenda Kay. *Dissertation Abstracts International*, A: The  
Humanities and Social Sciences, 1995, 55, 8, Feb, 2579-A

This is the citation for a complete dissertation/theses. Note the name of the university and the lack of a place of publication or publisher.

Terrorism vs democracy : a study in the effect terrorism has on the  
political systems it attempts to influence by Michel Marc Desloover.  
*University of Louisville*, 1986.

TIP: To find this use the Digital Dissertations database or UofL Electronic Theses and Dissertations database. Both are available from the Database A-Z list on the main library web page.

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Government documents will have the name of a federal government agency as the publisher or they will indicate that they have been published by the Government Printing Office (GPO).

The Animal Welfare Act : how it protects your dog and cat.  
[Washington, D.C.?] : U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, 1986

TIP: To find this in the library use Minerva, the Library Catalog, and type in the title of the document. If not found, see a librarian at a service desk.

Use of reclaimed water and sludge in food crop production. [electronic  
resource]. 1996. United States. EP 2.2:2004024566. [[0473-A-01  
(online)]. <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS50739>

TIP: This document has a URL; it can be found online. Many government documents are no longer published in a print format.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Scholarly conference papers are sometimes published in the conference's proceedings.

The Symbolic Boundary of Tattoo. AU:[Marchetti, Silvia](#) SO:  
International Sociological Association, Brisbane, Australia (ISA), 2002

TIP: Search Minerva, the Library Catalog by the title of the proceedings. Often these papers can only be obtained from the scholarly society which hosted the conference.