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A book by one author
Author. Book Title. Place of publication: publisher, Date. Print.

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Friedman, Randi. Telephone interview. 30 Aug. 2011.
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Online book
Author. Book Title. Location of publisher: Publisher, year.
Database or Website. Web. Date of access.


Online magazine
Author. "Title of Article." Magazine. Publisher or sponsor of site, Date of publication. Web. Date of Access.


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