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Book by one author: (Full Citation):

Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. New York: A. A. Levine Books, 1998. Print.

In-text Citation: (Rowling)

Book by two authors: (Full Citation):

Leavitt, Steven D., and Stephen J. Dubner. *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*. New York: Willian Morrow, 2006. Print.

In-text Citation: (Leavitt and Dubner 28)

Book by Four or More Authors: (Full Citation):

(MLA allows the use of et al. (and others) when there are more than three authors. Listing all authors is also acceptable.)

Pressley, Michael, et al. *Learning to Read: Lessons from Exemplary First-Grade Classrooms*. New York: Guilford, 2001. Print.

OR

Pressley, Michael, Richard L. Allington, Ruth Wharton-McDonald, Cathy Collins Block, and Lesley Mandel Morrow. *Learning to Read: Lessons from Exemplary First-Grade Classrooms*. New York: Guilford, 2001. Print.

In-text Citation: (Pressley, et al. 83) **OR** (Pressley, Allington, Wharton-McDonald, Block, and Morrow 83)

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"Goodbye to the Godfather." *Rolling Stone*. 25 Jan. 2007: 3. Print.

In-text Citation: ("Goodbye to the Godfather" 3) OR ("Goodbye Godfather" 3)

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Work by a corporate author: (Full Citation):

National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. *The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States*. Washington, DC: National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States, 2004. 27-29. Print.

In-text Citation: (National Commission on Terrorist 27-29)

Journal Articles

Online Journal: (Full Citation):

Schneider, Susan M., and Linda E. Hood. "Virtual Reality: A Distraction Intervention for Chemotherapy." *Oncology Nursing Forum* 34.1 (2007): 39-46. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 31 July 2009.

In-text Citation: (Schneider and Hood 42)

Print Journal: (Full Citation):

Merry, Sally Engle. "Transnational Human Rights and Local Activism: Mapping the Middle." *American Anthropologist* 108.1 (2006): 38-51. Print.

In-text Citation: (Merry 43)

Company Website: (Full Citation):

"Investing in America's Energy Future." *Exxon Mobil*. 26 July 2007. Web. 21 Aug. 2007.

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