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BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PARENTHETICAL REFERENCE EXAMPLES

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BOOK - SINGLE AUTHOR

(Cott 1987, 38)

BOOK - TWO AUTHORS

(Van Wyen and Thomas 1963, 57)

BOOK – CORPORATE AUTHOR (Institution, Association, etc.)

(American Library Association 1992, 4)

BOOK IN TRANSLATION

(Solzhenitsyn 1968, 261)
ARTICLE, CHAPTER, OR ESSAY FROM BOOK

(Worms 1971, 76)

JOURNAL ARTICLE IN PRINT – ONE AUTHOR

(Norrander 1993, 350)

JOURNAL ARTICLE ONLINE – ONE AUTHOR

(Burnham 1961, 436)

ARTICLE FROM JOURNAL – THREE AUTHORS

(Handmer, Keys, and Elliott 1999, 180)

ARTICLE FROM JOURNAL - MORE THAN THREE AUTHORS

(Tuovinen et al. 2004, 2376)

ARTICLE FROM MAGAZINE

(Lopez 1997)

ARTICLE FROM NEWSPAPER

(Washington Post 1969)

BOOK REVIEW IN JOURNAL

(England 1961)

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REFERENCE TO TWO OR MORE WORKS WITHIN SAME PARENTHESES
(Abbott 1962; England 1961; Eaton 1961)