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How Do I Find This Reference?

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Our outcomes:

- You will be able to identify the various elements of a citation in order to determine what is being cited
- You will be able to choose an appropriate library database to locate the item

Where we find citations

- We find citations (or references) at the end of book chapters or of articles.
- Or maybe your instructor gives you one to look up.

Why citations?

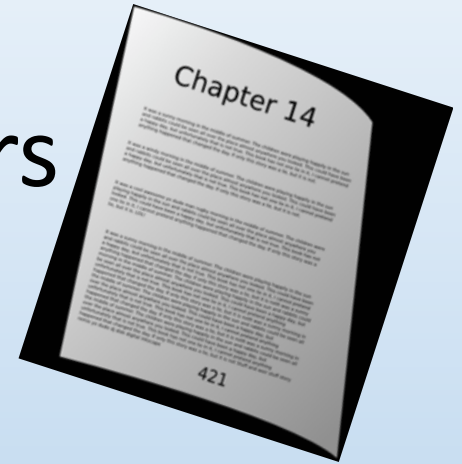
- All citations have the same goal: to help you – the reader – find the cited item.
- In order to find the item, you have to know what you are looking for!

Commonly-cited items

- Books



- Book chapters



- Articles

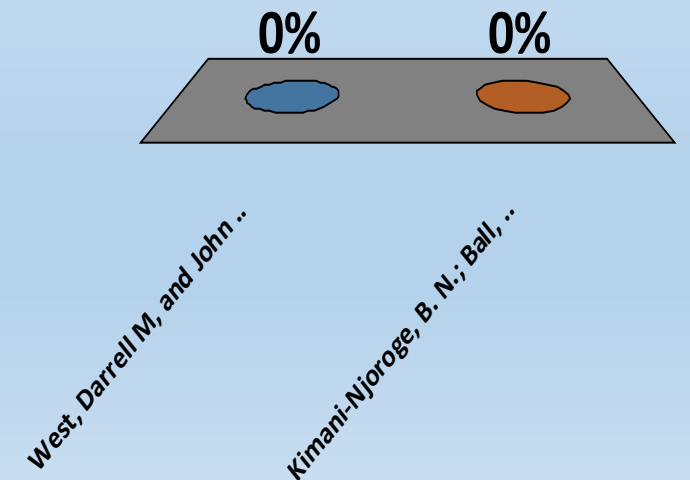


- Web sites



Which of these citations is for a book?

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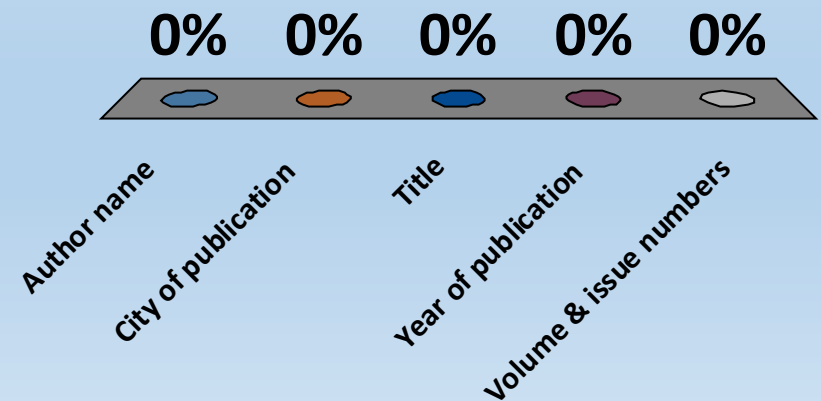
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- Copyright date
- Volume & issue numbers
- Page numbers

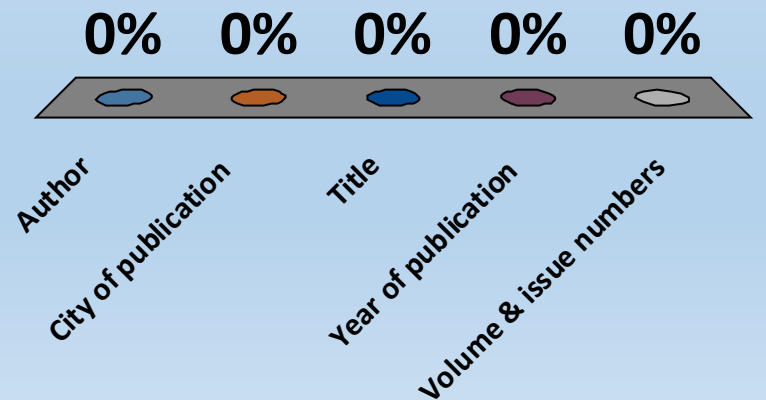
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- A. Author name
- B. City of publication
- C. Title
- D. Year of publication
- E. Volume & issue numbers



When you see this, it is probably a journal article.

- A. Author
- B. City of publication
- C. Title
- D. Year of publication
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What is in a citation? 2 clues

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Random clues

- Why aren't the parts of a citation always in the same order?
- What kind(s) of sources include a full date in the citation, such as May 14, 2012?

Practice

Book

Book chapter

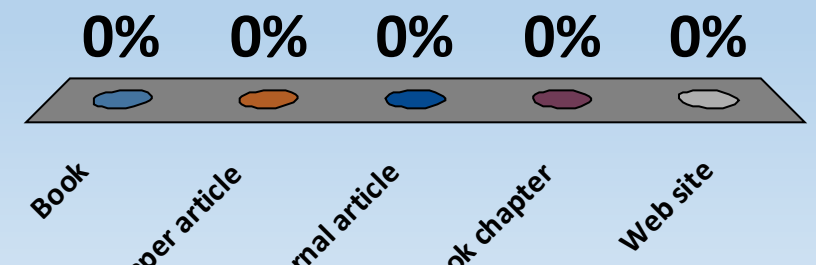
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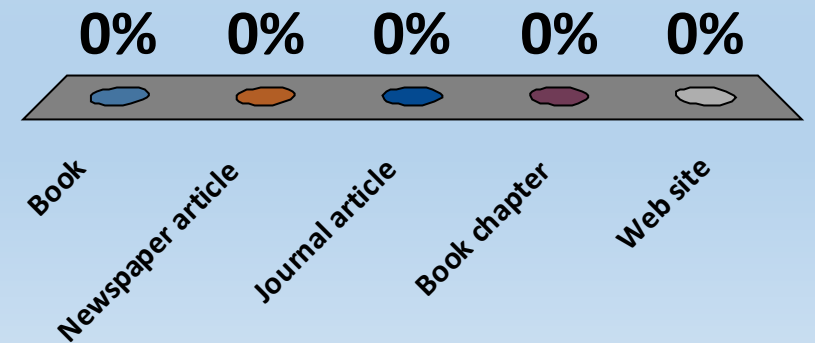
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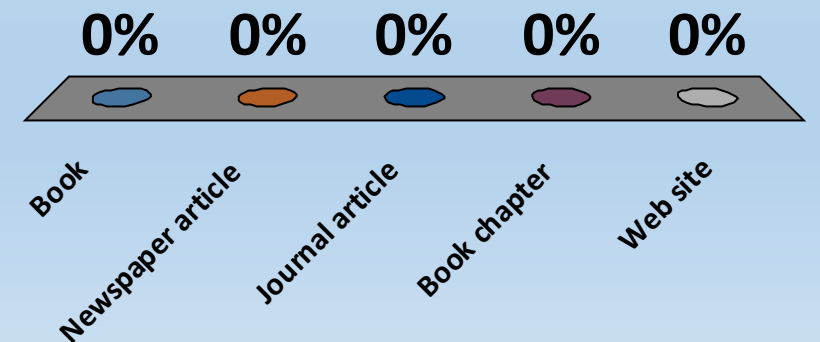
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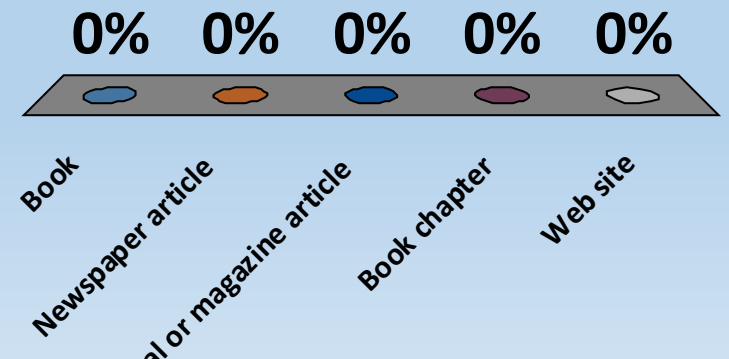
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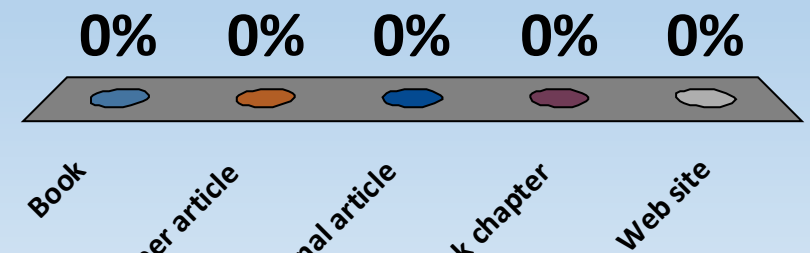
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- C. Journal or magazine article
- D. Book chapter
- E. Web site



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**Now that we know what we
are looking for...**

Where should we look?

**Finding sources is like shopping.
We have to look in the right store or we
won't find what we are looking for.**

- **Starbucks – no motor oil**
- **Home Depot – no birthday cakes**

Books? Start here.



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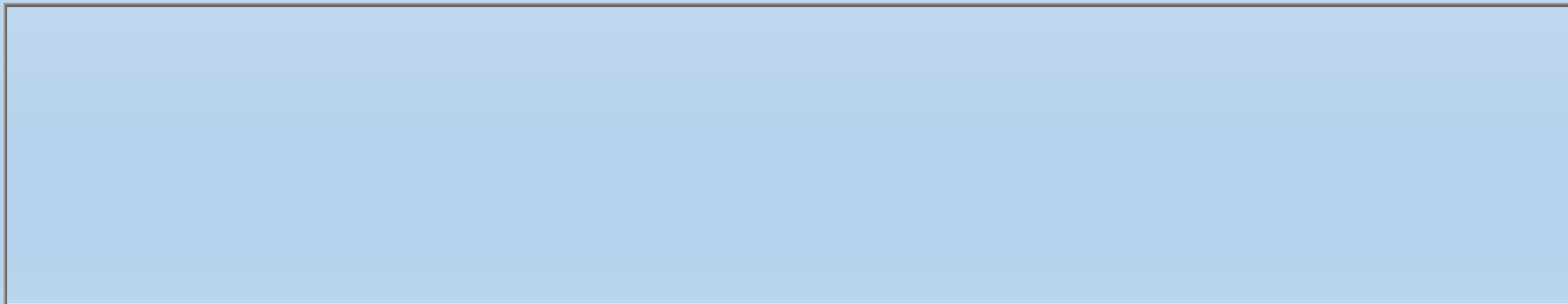
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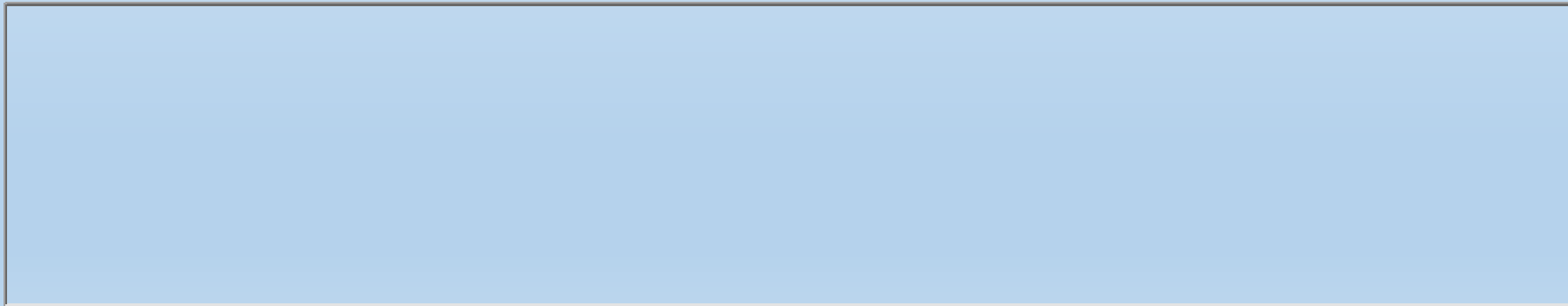
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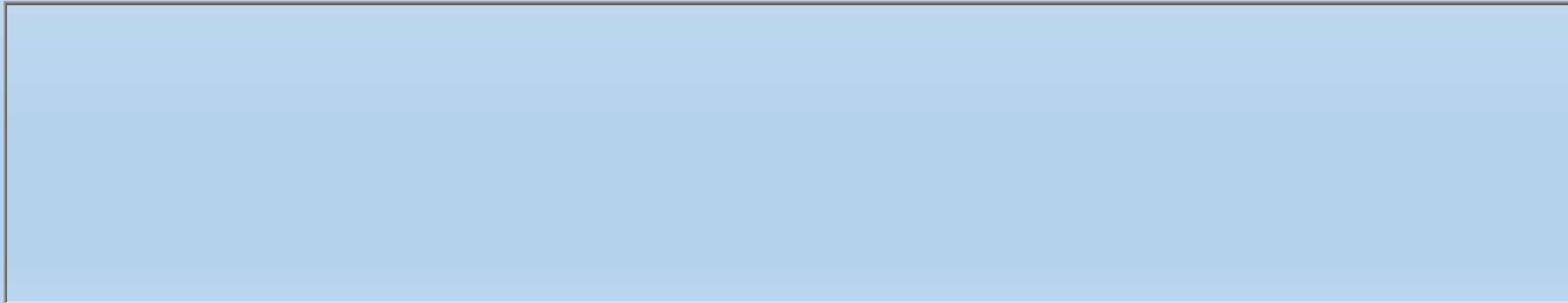
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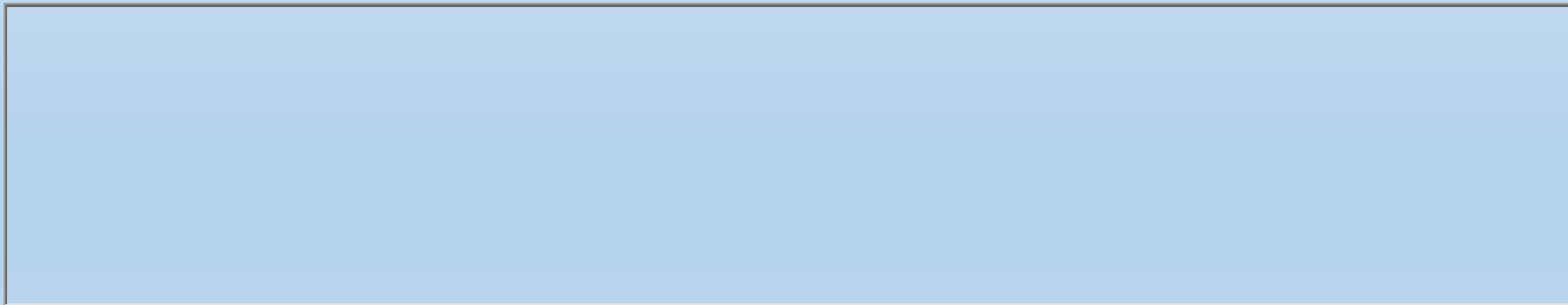
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