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Lastname, F.I. (Publication Date). Title of article. *Name of Journal, Volume(issue)*, page numbers. Retrieved from
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Klein, J. (July 26, 2016). A fish outlived the dinosaurs, can it outlast a dam? *NY Times*, D3. Retrieved from
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/25/science/pallid-sturgeon-montana-yellowstone-river.html>

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O'Neill, I.O. (July 25, 2016). Sun erupts with biggest solar flares of 2016. Retrieved from <http://www.seeker.com/sun-erupts-with-biggest-solar-flares-of-2016-1943532866.html>

Book

Lastname, F.I. (Publication Date). *Name of the book*. Location:Publisher.

Tolkien, J.R.R. (1966). *The hobbit or there and back again*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Citing References in Text

The following chart shows how to format in-text citations (6.11–6.15)

Type of citation	First citation in text	Subsequent citations in text	Parenthetical format, first citation in text	Parenthetical format, subsequent citations in text
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One work by two authors	Walker and Allen (2004)	Walker and Allen (2004)	(Walker & Allen, 2004)	(Walker & Allen, 2004)
One work by three authors	Bradley, Ramirez, and Soo (1999)	Bradley et al. (1999)	(Bradley, Ramirez, & Soo, 1999)	(Bradley et al., 1999)
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One work by five authors	Walker, Allen, Bradley, Ramirez, and Soo (2008)	Walker et al. (2008)	(Walker, Allen, Bradley, Ramirez, & Soo, 2008)	(Walker et al., 2008)
One work by six or more authors	Wasserstein et al. (2005)	Wasserstein et al. (2005)	(Wasserstein et al., 2005)	(Wasserstein et al., 2005)
Groups (readily identified through abbreviation) as authors	National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH, 2003)	NIMH (2003)	(National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 2003)	(NIMH, 2003)
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- Type the DOI in the format shown in the first example. Do not put a period at the end of the DOI.

DOI

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology, 24*, 225-229.
doi:10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

NO DOI

Light, M. A., & Light, I. H. (2008). The geographic expansion of Mexican immigration in the United States and its implications for local law enforcement. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal, 8*(1), 73-82.

URL

Wheeler, D. P., & Bragin, M. (2007). Bringing it all back home: Social work and the challenge of returning veterans. *Health and Social Work, 32*, 297-300. Retrieved from <http://www.naswpressonline.org>