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Book

General Format (one author)
Author’s last name, Author’s first name. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher’s name, date of publication. Medium of publication.

Works Cited Example (one author)

In-Text Citation Examples
1. Huck believes that “Col. Grangerford was a gentleman all over” (Twain 86).
2. According to Twain, “there were things which he stretched, but mainly he told the truth” (7).

Article from an Online Database

General Format (one author)
Author’s last name, Author’s first name. “Title of Article.” Journal Volumenumber.Issue (Year): page number range. Title of Database. Web. Date you accessed the article.

Works Cited Example (one author)

In-text Citation Examples
1. Some critics argue that Twain was unable to distance himself from the indoctrination he received as a child (Valkeakar 32).
2. According to Valkeakar, “the 1880s saw the collapse of civil rights for blacks as well as the publication of Huckleberry Finn” (29).

Webpage

General Format
Author’s last name, Author’s first name. “Title of Webpage.” Title of Website. Publisher, date of publication. Web. Date you accessed the webpage.

Works Cited Example (one author)

In-Text Citation Examples
1. Allen Gribben argues that his version is “not an attempt to neuter the classic” (Staskiewicz).
2. Staskiewicz claims that “Twain’s book has been one of the most misunderstood novels of all time.”*

*For articles without page numbers like in example 2, mentioning the author’s name within the sentence is sufficient. No parenthetical citation is required (i.e. there are no page numbers for you to cite).