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Journal volume and issue number
Page numbers of article
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If citing a book, add:
Location
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**Year:** formatted as (year). Followed by a period.


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