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Borchert (2007) noted that a government employee "cannot be promoted for doing exemplary work, not can he be fired for doing shoddy work" (p. 47).

OR

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- Note how the end period falls after the parenthetical citation.
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Type of Source	In-text Citation	References List
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Book, More than One Author	(Eggins & Slade, 1997, p. 25)	Eggins, S., & Slade, D. (1997). <i>Analysing casual conversation</i> . London, UK: Cassell.
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Book, Corporate Author	(American Psychological Association, 2010, p. 14)	American Psychological Association (2010). <i>Publication manual of the American Psychological Association</i> . Washington, D.C.: Author.
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Book, No Author	("Macmillan," 1997, p. 18)	<i>Macmillan centennial atlas of the world</i> . (1997). New York, NY: Macmillan.
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Book, Editor	(Forbes & Mahan, 2005, p. 9)	Forbes, B. D., & Mahan, J. H. (Eds.). (2005). <i>Religion and popular culture in America</i> . Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
Notes: If there is only one editor, use the abbreviation Ed.		

Book, Edition and Volume Information		Knuth, D. (1998). <i>The art of computer programming</i> (Vol. 2, 3 rd ed.). Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley.
Notes: If a book is a part of a multi-volume work, indicate the volume information in parentheses after the title. If the book is an edition other than the first, indicate that information in parentheses after the title. Put volume information before edition information. If you refer to multiple volumes in the series, indicate them all. For example, include "Vols. 1-3." A revised edition should be abbreviated "Rev. ed."		
Work in an Anthology	(Pratt, 1993, pp. 188-91)	Pratt, C. (1993). Experimental practice in the city and country school. In G. Willis, W. H. Schubert, R. V. Bullough, Jr., C. Kridel, & J. T. Holton (Eds.), <i>The American curriculum</i> (pp. 183-203). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. (Original work published 1924)
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Notes: Rather than page numbers, include the book, chapter, verse(s), and translation. Major classical works such as the Bible are not included in the References list.		
Dictionary or Encyclopedia, Single Author	(Jackson, 1999, pp. 128-129)	Jackson, B. M. (1999). G.I. Bill. In <i>Encyclopedia of American public policy</i> (pp. 128-129). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
Dictionary or Encyclopedia, Author and Editor	(Green, 1996, p. 240)	Green, C. (1996). Cubism. In J. Turner (Ed.), <i>The dictionary of art</i> (Vol. 8, pp. 239-246). New York, NY: Grove's Dictionaries.
Notes: In a multi-volume work, include the volume number in parentheses after the title.		

Dictionary or Encyclopedia, Editor, Unsigned Entries	("Bluegrass music," 2003, p. 103)	Bluegrass music. (2003). In D. M. Randel (Ed.), <i>The Harvard dictionary of music</i> (4 th ed., pp. 103-104). Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press.
Notes: If a specific edition is noted, include the edition number in parentheses after the title.		
Books, Electronic		
Book, Electronic	(Limbert, 2000)	Limbert, M. E. (2010). <i>In the time of oil: Piety, memory, and social life in an Omani town</i> . Retrieved from http://site.ebrary.com/lib/northwesterniowa/Doc?id=10394879
Notes: URLs should not be underlined, but it is okay to leave them hyperlinked. Do not include a period after the URL.		
Dictionary or Encyclopedia, Electronic	(Evans & Evans, 2011)	Evans, J. R., & Evans, S. B. (2011). Pricing of tickets. In L. E. Swayne & M. Dodds (Eds.), <i>Encyclopedia of sports management and marketing</i> (Vol. 3, pp. 1176-1179). Retrieved from http://go.galegroup.com/
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Journal Articles, Print		
Journal Article, One Author	(Willis, 2014, p. 29)	Willis, J. (2014). Neuroscience reveals that boredom hurts. <i>Phi Delta Kappan</i> , 95(8), 28-32.
Notes: Unlike books, page numbers in the references list are not prefaced with "p." or "pp." Many journals are paginated by volume, which means subsequent issues for that year's publications continue numbering from previous issues. For those journals, do not include the issue number. For journals that are paginated by issue, include the issue number in parentheses after the volume number.		

Journal Article, More Than One Author	(Nakano & Tluczek, 2014)	Nakano, S. J., & Tluczek, A. (2014). Genomic breakthroughs in the diagnosis and treatment of cystic fibrosis. <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> , 114(6), 36-45.
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Journal Article, With DOI	(Levine & Schwitzer, 2014, 112)	Levine, E. E., & Schweitzer, M. E. (2014). Are liars ethical? On the tension between benevolence and honesty. <i>Journal of Experimental Social Psychology</i> , 53, 107-117. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2014.03.005
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Journal Articles, Electronic		
Journal Article, Electronic, with DOI	(Goodman & Smyth, 2011, 83)	Goodman, L. A., & Smyth, K. F. (2011). A call for a social network-oriented approach to services for survivors of intimate partner violence. <i>Psychology of Violence</i> , 1(2), 79-92. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/a0022977
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Journal Article, Electronic, without DOI	(Fousekis, Tsepis, & Vagenas, 2010)	Fousekis, K., Tsepis, E., & Vagenas, G. (2010). Lower limb strength in professional soccer players: Profile, assymetry, and training age. <i>Journal of Sports Science and Medicine</i> , 9, 364-373. Retrieved from http://www.jssm.org
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Magazine & Newspaper Articles, Print		
Magazine Article	(Miller, 2014, p. 65)	Miller, E. M. (2014, July/August). State of the union. <i>Relevant</i> , (70), 64-68.
Notes: Include the month and date of the publication. If the magazine has volume and issue information, include it after the title.		
Newspaper Article, Author	(Finney, 2014)	Finney, D. P. (2014, July 24). Private eyes: lowans warned to be on watch for hidden cameras as new technology aids scofflaws. <i>Des Moines Register</i> , pp. 1A, 9A.
Notes: Include all page numbers the article appears on. If it does not occur on consecutive pages, separate the numbers with a comma. While journals and magazines in the References list do not include “p.” or “pp.,” newspaper references do.		
Newspaper Article, No Author	(“ACT,” 2014)	ACT becomes optional. (2014, July 27). <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , sec. 1, p. 12.
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Magazine & Newspaper Articles, Electronic		
Magazine Article, Electronic, from a Web Site	(Rosin, 2014)	Rosin, H. (2014, March 19). The overprotected kid. <i>The Atlantic</i> . Retrieved from http://www.theatlantic.com
Notes: If the source is not paginated, use paragraph information in the in-text citation. URLs should not be underlined, but it is okay to leave them hyperlinked. Do not include a period after the URL.		

Magazine Article, Electronic, from a Database	(Polter, 2014)	Polter, J. (2014, August). The rich get richer. <i>Sojourners</i> , 43(8), 16-21. Retrieved from http://www.sojo.net
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Newspaper Article, Electronic	(Turker, 2014)	Turker, R. J. (2014, July 28). All played out. <i>The New York Times</i> , sec. A, p. 17. Retrieved from http://www.nytimes.com
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Other Sources		
Film /Videorecording	(Jarecki, 2013)	Jarecki, E. (Director). (2013). <i>The house I live in</i> . USA: Charlotte Street Films.
Personal Communications	(K. Norris, personal communication, May 15, 2014)	
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Web Site	(Grohol, 2014)	Grohol, J. M. (2014, July 9). Schizophrenia and psychosis. Retrieved August 4, 2014, from PsychCentral website: http://psychcentral.com/disorders/schizophrenia/
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