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Windschitl, Thompson, and Braaten (2018) argue that "argument as a science practice is usually explored systematically only in classroom settings" (p. 201).

OR

While students certainly hear disagreements throughout their lives, "argument as a science practice is usually explored systematically only in classroom settings" (Windschitl et al., 2018, p. 201).

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Book, Three or More Authors	(Blocher et al., 1997, p. 25)	Blocher, L. R., Corporon, E. M., Cramer, R., Lautzenheiser, T., Lisk, E. S., & Miles, R. (2018). <i>Teaching music through performance in band</i> (R. Miles, Ed.; Vol. 11). GIA Publications.
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Book, No Author	("Mueller report," 2019, p. 55)	<i>The Mueller report</i> . (2019). Skyhorse Publishing.
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Book, Editor	(Riebe, 2018, p. 47)	Riebe, D. (Ed.). (2018). <i>ACSM's guidelines for exercise testing and prescription</i> . Wolters Kluwer.
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Chapter in a Collection or Anthology	(Martinez, 2018, p. 422)	Martinez, G. A. (2018). Spanish in the health professions. In M. Lacorte (Ed.), <i>The Routledge handbook of Hispanic applied linguistics</i> (pp. 420-437). Routledge.
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Bible	(Rom. 3:23, New Revised Standard Version)	<i>The new Oxford annotated Bible</i> (New Revised Standard Version). (2018). Oxford.
Notes: Rather than page numbers, include the book, chapter, verse(s), and translation. Sacred texts are included in the references list; do not include an author.		
Dictionary or Encyclopedia, Author	(Kumaraswamy, 2015, p. 287)	Kumaraswamy, P. R. (2015). Lebanon. In <i>Historical dictionary of the Arab-Israeli conflict</i> (2nd ed., pp. 286-289). Rowan & Littlefield.
Notes: If a specific edition is noted, include the edition number in parentheses after the title.		
Dictionary or Encyclopedia, Author and Editor	(Tischauser, 2015, p. 128)	Tischauser, L. (2015). Border patrol, U.S. In C. L. Bankston, III & D. A. Hidalgo (Eds.), <i>Issues in U.S. immigration</i> (Vol. 1, pp. 125-131). Grey House Publishing.
Notes: In a multi-volume work, include the volume number in parentheses after the title.		
Books, Electronic		
Book, Electronic	(Gerson & Heppell, 2019, p. 28)	Gerson, R., & Heppell, P. (Eds.). (2019). <i>Beyond PTSD: Helping and healing teens exposed to trauma</i> . American Psychiatric Association.
Dictionary or Encyclopedia, Electronic	(Barelle & Buratti, 2013)	Barelle, M., & Buratti, E. (2013). Protein splicing. In S. Maloy & K. Hughes (Eds.), <i>Brenner's encyclopedia of genetics</i> (2nd ed.). Elsevier Science & Technology.
Notes: Typically, electronic books can be cited the same way as print books. If the electronic version is different, include the URL.		

Journal Articles, Print & Electronic		
Journal Article, DOI	(Chen et al., 2020, p. 944)	Chen, F. Y.-H., Jung, H.-W., Tsuei, C.-Y., & Liao, J. C. (2020). Converting <i>Escherichia coli</i> to a synthetic methylotroph growing solely on methanol. <i>Cell</i> , 182(4), 933-946. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2020.07.010
Journal Article, No DOI	(Oslington, 2020)	Oslington, P. (2020). The Kuyperian dream of reconstructing economics on Christian foundations. <i>Faith & Economics</i> , (75), 7-36.
Journal Article, One Author	(Musselman, 2020, p. 44)	Musselman, S. (2020). Connecting with community. <i>Science & Children</i> , 58(1), 43-47.
Journal Article, Two Authors	(Lauriola & Iani, 2016, p. 1673)	Lauriola, M., & Iani, L. (2016). Personality, positivity and happiness: A mediation analysis using a bifactor model. <i>Journal of Happiness Studies</i> , 18(6), 1659-1682. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-016-9792-3
Journal Article, Three or More Authors	(Fraser et al., 2014, p. 110)	Fraser, K. D., Lai, J., Nissen, C., Choo, Q., Davenport, J., & Gutscher, A. (2015). A scoping literature review: The state of knowledge on home care equipment and supplies. <i>Care Management Journals</i> , 16(4), 174-183. https://doi.org/10.1891/1521-0987.16.4.174
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Magazine & Newspaper Articles, Print & Electronic		
Magazine Article, Print	(Pickens, 2020)	Pickens, B. (2020, July 29). A time of judgment. <i>Christian Century</i> , 137(16), 22-24.

Newspaper Article, Print	(Hansen, 2020, p.1)	Hansen, L. (2020, August 29). Grassley visits Sudenga and answers employees' queries. <i>N'West Iowa Review</i> , 1.
Magazine Article, Online	("Environmental costs," 2017)	The environmental costs of creating clothes. (2017, April). <i>The Economist</i> . https://www.economist.com/the-economist-explains/2017/04/11/the-environmental-costs-of-creating-clothes
Newspaper Article, Online	(Kristof, 2020)	Kristof, N. (2020, September 2). 'Remote learning' is often an oxymoron. <i>New York Times</i> . https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/02/opinion/remote-learning-coronavirus.html?action=click&module=Opinion&pgtype=Homepage
Other Sources		
Film, DVD	(Sen, 2002)	Sen, P. (Director). (2002). <i>Triumph of the nerds</i> [Film]. Ambrose Video Publishing.
Film, Online	(Public Broadcasting Service, 2018)	Public Broadcasting Service. (2018). <i>The Gilded Age</i> [Video].
Personal Communications	(A. Eskens, personal communication, November 7, 2019)	Eskens, A. (2019, November 7). [Personal interview by the author].
Notes: Personal communication, whether a spoken conversation or a written one, should be noted in your in-text citations and references list.		
Web Site	("First Ladies")	<i>The First Ladies at the Smithsonian</i> . (n.d.). National Museum of History. Retrieved August 27, 2020, from https://americanhistory.si.edu/first-ladies/introduction