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Books

Provide: Author, Title of Book, Location of Publisher, Publisher, Copyright Date and page number.

Examples: (1) One Author (2) Two Authors

1. Lambrecht, Bill. *Big Muddy Blues: True Tales and Twisted Politics Along Lewis and Clark's Missouri*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2005, 28-29.
2. Becker, C. Dale, and Duane A. Neitzel. *Water Quality in North American River Systems*. Columbus: Batelle Press, 1992.

Newspaper Article

Provide: Author, Title of Article, Name of Publication, Date, and Page Number. If no author is identified, begin the citation with the article title.

Example:

- Aucoin, Jim. "Development Plans Revealed for Section of Missouri River." *Lincoln Journal-Star*. August 22, 1979. 27.

Magazine or Journal Article

Provide: Author, Title of Article, Name of Publication, Volume, Issue, Date, and Page Number. (NOTE: Popular magazines may not have volume or issue information).

Example:

- Davidson, John. "Multiple-Use Water Resources Development Versus Natural River Functions: Can The WSRA and WRDA Coexist on the Missouri River?" *Nebraska Law Review* 83, no. 2 (2004): 365.

Interviews

Provide: Interviewee, Title or Relevant Position, Organization (if applicable), Interviewer, Date of Interview, and Location of Interview. Please note that an interview release form should be completed prior to the interview.

Examples: (1) In-Person Interview (2) Telephone Interview

1. Hedren, Paul, Superintendent, Missouri National Recreational River. Interview by Todd Jones. June 29, 2007, Omaha, Nebraska.
2. Taggart, Terry, Vice President, Missouri River Bank Stabilization Association. Telephone interview by Daniel Spegel. October 25, 2007.

Internet Websites

Provide: Author, Name of Article, Date Accessed, and the Full Website Address (not just the Home page). Please note that because internet content can change, it is important to indicate the date you accessed the material.

Example:

- McDonald's Corporation. "McDonald's Happy Meal Toy Safety Facts." Accessed July 19, 2008. <http://www.mcdonalds.com/corp/about/factsheets.html>

Archive Collection:

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- General Pick to Sam McGuffie, 8 May 1989, Box 14, Folder 3, MRBSA Collection, The University of Nebraska at Omaha Archives.

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