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Magazine Article	Kong, Les. "Business Sources for Education Majors." <u>Education Graduate Students Magazine</u> 19 July 1998: 12-19.
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Electronic Article from a Web site	Magedanz, Stacy. "Psychology of Louisiana Libraries." <u>Mother Jones Magazine</u> May/June 1999. 15 Feb. 2000 < http://www.mojones.com/MOTHER_JONES/MJ95/viviano.html >.
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Book	Tschabrun, Susan. <u>African History Resources on the Continent</u> . 2 nd ed. New York: Divine Press, 1995.
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Tips

- *If your instructor's preferred style differs from this suggested style, always follow your instructor's directions.*
- All references are double-spaced.
- Do not indent the first line in each citation, but indent all the following lines (called a hanging indent).
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