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Books

Single Author/Editor

WCLC:	Wilson, Frank R. *The Hand: How Its Use Shapes the Brain, Language, and Human Culture*. New York: Pantheon, 1998. Print.
PC:	(Wilson 35)

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Books

Multiple Authors/Editors

WCLC:	Ehrenreich, Barbara, and John Ehrenreich, eds. *The American Health Empire: Power, Profits and Politics*. New York: Vintage, 1971. Print.
PC:	(Ehrenreich and Ehrenreich 123-30)
WCLC:	Grossberg, Lawrence, Cary Nelson, and Paula A. Treichler, eds. *Cultural Studies*. New York: Routeledge, 1992.Print.
PC:	(Grossberg, Nelson, and Treichler 56)
WCLC:	Hall, Stuart, et al. *Modernity: An Introduction to Modern Societies*. Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, 1996. Print.
PC:	(Hall et al. 96-125, 128)

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Corporate Authorship

WCLC:	American Medical Association. *The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine*. New York: Random, 1989. Print.
PC:	(American Medical Association 72, 76)

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Unknown or Anonymous

WCLC:	*A Guide to Our Federal Lands*. Washington: National Geographic Society, 1984. Print.
PC:	(Guide 112)

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Work in an Anthology/Translation
(note: page numbers in WCLC)

WCLC:	Hansberry, Lorraine. *A Raisin in the Sun. Black Theater: A Twentieth-Century Collection of Its Best Playwrights*. Ed. Lindsay Patterson. New York: Dodd, 1971. 221-76. Print.
PC:	(Hansberry 223-24)
WCLC:	Allende, Isable. “Toad’s Mouth.” Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden: *A Hammock beneath The Mangoes: Stories from Latin America*. Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume,1992. 83-88. Print.
PC:	(Allende 84)

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An Edition

WCLC:	Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage: An Episode of the American Civil War*. 1895. Ed. Fredson Bowers. Charlottesville: UP of Virginia, 1975. Print.
PC:	(Crane 29-31)

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Book in a Series

WCLC:	Shilstone, Frederick W. *Approaches to Teaching Byron's Poetry*. New York: MLA, 1991. Print. Approaches to Teaching World Literature 36.
PC:	(Shilstone 338, 345)

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Multivolume Work

WCLC:	Lucas, Robert E., Jr. and Thomas J. Sargent, eds. *Rational Expectations and Econometric Practice*. 2 vols. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1981. Print.
PC:	(Lucas and Sargent, vol. 1)
WCLC:	Churchill, Winston S. *The Age of Revolution*. New York: Dodd, 1957. Vol. 3 of *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*. 4 vols. 1956-58. Print.
PC:	(Churchill, vol. 3)

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Encyclopedia Articles

WCLC:	"Mealworm." *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. 1987 ed. Print.
PC:	("Mealworm")
WCLC:	Garvey, Lawrence. "El Paso, Illinois." *Encyclopedia Americana*. 1982 ed. Print.
PC:	(Garvey 35-36)

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Government Publications

WCLC:	United States. Dept. of State. *The Global 2000 Report to the President: Entering the Twenty-First Century*. 3 vols. Washington: GPO, 1981. Print.
PC:	(United States Dept. of State, vol. 2)
WCLC:	United States. Cong. House. Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. *Hearings*. 79th Cong., 1st and 2nd sess. 32 vols. Washington: GPO, 1946. Print.
PC:	(United States Congressional Joint Committee)

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Conference Proceedings

WCLC:	Freed, Barbara F., ed. Proceedings of Consortium for Language Teaching and Learning Conference: *Foreign Language Acquisition Research and the Classroom*. Oct.1989,University of Pennsylvania. Lexington: Heath, 1991. Print.
PC:	(Freed 78)

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Journals

Journal Article

WCLC:	Barthelme, Frederick. "Architecture." *Kansas Quarterly* 13.3-4 (1981): 77-80. Print.
PC:	(Barthelme 78)
WCLC:	Magistrale, Tony. "Wild Child: Jim Morrison's Poetic Journeys." *Journal of Popular Culture* 26.3 (Winter 1992): 133-44. Print.
PC:	(Magistrale 135-37)

Magazine Article

WCLC:	Whitaker, Mark. "Getting Tough at Last." *Newsweek* 10 May 1993: 22. Print.
PC:	(Whitaker 22)

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Magazine Article: Anonymous

WCLC:	"Panther's Passage." *People* 18 May 1998: 70. Print.
PC:	("Panther's" 70)

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Newspaper Article

WCLC:	Lohr, Steve. "No Playing: Babes in Cyberspace." *New York Times* 3 Apr. 1998, late ed.: C1+. Print.
PC:	(Lohr C3)

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Newspaper Article: Anonymous

WCLC:	"Cambodian Orphans Use Internet to Reach Out." *Winston-Salem Journal* 15 Jan. 1999, city ed.: B1+. Print.
PC:	("Cambodian" B2)

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Newspaper Article: Editorial

WCLC:	"No Golden Opportunity." Editorial. *The Wall Street Journal* 4 Feb. 1999: A22. Print.
PC:	("No Golden")

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Review

WCLC:	Kauffmann, Stanley. "A New Spielberg." Rev. of *Schindler's List,* dir. Steven Spielberg. *New Republic* 13 Dec. 1993: 30. Print.
PC:	(Kauffmann 30)
WCLC:	"The Cooling of an Admiration." Rev. of *Pound/Joyce: The Letters of Ezra Pound to James Joyce, with Pound's Essays on Joyce*. ed. Forrest Read. *Times Literary Supplement* 6 Mar. 1969: 239-40. Print.
PC:	("Cooling" 239-40)

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Electronic Resources – *URL Optional*

Professional Site

WCLC:	*Postmodern Culture*. Ed. Lisa Brawley and James F. English. 2002. Web. 1 Oct. 2002 <http://www.iath.virginia.edu/pmc/>.
PC:	(Postmodern)

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Personal Site

WCLC:	Lancashire, Ian. Home Page. 28 Mar. 2002. Web. 15 May 2002 <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/~ian>.
PC:	(Lancashire)

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Online Book

WCLC:	Child, L. Maria , ed. *The Freedmen's Book.* Boston, 1866. *Google Book Search*. Web. 15 May 2008.
PC:	(Child)

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Scholarly Project

WCLC:	Whitman, Walt. *Leaves of Grass.* Brooklyn, 1855. *The Walt Whitman Archive*. Web. 12 March 2007.
PC:	(Whitman)

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Poem in Online Book

WCLC:	Whittier, John G. "A Prayer." *The Freedmen's Book.* Ed. L. Maria Child. Boston, 1866. 178. *Google Book Search.* Web. 15 May 2008.
PC:	(Whittier)

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Article in an Online Scholarly Journal

WCLC:	Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." *African American Review* 32 (1998): 9-16. *JSTOR*. Web. 1 Oct. 2002
PC:	(Tolson 15)

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Article in an Online Magazine

WCLC:	Brooks, David. "The Culture of Martyrdom." *Atlantic Online* June 2002. n. pag. Web. 24 Sept. 2002 <http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2002/06/brooks.htm>.
PC:	(Brooks)

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E-Mail Communication

WCLC:	Boyle, Anthony T. "Re: Utopia." E-mail to Daniel J. Cahill. 21 June 1997. E-mail.
PC:	(Boyle)
WCLC:	Harner, James L. Message to the author. 20 Aug. 1998. E-mail.
PC:	(Harner)

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