

Citing a Reference Book (Print version)

Encyclopedias, single or multivolume reference books, dictionaries

General Guidelines:

The format changes depending on whether you are citing a single article from one volume or the entire reference series.

Not all reference books will include all of the information listed in the format guides.

Article in a Single or Multivolume Reference

(General encyclopedias or dictionaries)

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Entry." *Title of volume or series*. vol. #, edition, edited by Editor's Name(s), Publisher, Publication date, Page range of entry.

Note: The author of a reference book entry, if given, is usually found at the end of the entry.

Examples:

Kerr, Donald R. "Infinity." *World Book*, 2005 ed., vol. 10, World Book, 2005, p. 266.

Nathan, Andrew J. "China." *Encyclopedia Americana*, vol. 6, Grolier, 1998, pp. 486-591.

Pastorius, Francis D. "The Pennsylvania Germans." *Makers of America: The Firstcomers 1536 - 1800*, edited by Wayne Moquin, Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational, 1971, pp. 105-10.

Entire Single or Multivolume Reference

Editor's Last name, First name, editor. *Title of volume or series*. Publisher, Publication date. # of vols.

Examples:

Bankstrom, Carl L., editor. *Encyclopedia of Family Life*. Salem Press, 1999. 4 vols.

Blanco, Richard L., editor. *The American Revolution, 1775-1783: An Encyclopedia*. Garland, 1993. 2 vols.