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Sax, Joseph L. "Environmental Law." The Encyclopedia Americana. 1994 ed.

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Rothman, Hal. On Rims and Ridges: The Los Alamos Area since 1880. Twentieth-Century American West. Lincoln: U of Nebraska P, 1992.

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United States. Dept. of the Interior. Minerals Management Service. Minerals Revenues, 1992: Report on Receipts from Federal and Indian Leases. Washington: GPO, 1993.

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United States. Dept. of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1990-91 (Bulletin 2425). Washington: BPO, 1993.

- **Congressional Record**

Just give the abbreviation *Cong. Rec.*, the date, and page numbers.

Cong. Rec. 26 Nov. 1993: 3050-51.

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Taylor III, Alex. "Detroit Buffs Up." Fortune, 2/9/2004, Vol. 149 Issue 3, p90, 5p.

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"Deciphering Cars." Technology Review, Feb2004, Vol. 107 Issue 1, p80, 1p

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Steinberg, Jacques. "Love, Peace, Money, Lawsuits." New York Times 12 May 1995: B1.

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- **Online: Article from a Newspaper with a print version**

Johnson, Dirk. "For Many Americans, Nothing but Blue Skies." New York Times 14 Jan. 1998. New York Times on America Online. America Online. 14 Dec. 1998.

- **Online: Web Site**

Vogin, Gary D., ed. "New Test Helps Predict Heart Disease Risk" 2004 WebMD Health. 12 June 2003 <<http://my.webmd.com/content/article/81/96995.htm>>.

- **Online: Article from a Magazine with a print version**

"Homeowners Insurance." Consumer Reports Oct. 1993: n. pag. Online. EBSCOhost. 5 Feb. 1995.

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"Athenian-Spartan Rivalry." Academic American Encyclopedia. Online. CompuServe. 3 Feb. 1995.

- **Online: Article from a newspaper on the Web with no print version**

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Lewis, Ricki. “Chronobiology Researchers Say Their Field’s Time Has Come.” Scientist 9.24 (1995: 14. 30 Dec. 1997 <http://www.the-scientist.library.upenn.edu/yr1995/dec/chrono_951211.html>.

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Kincaid, Jamaica. Interview. “Jamaica Kincaid Hates Happy Endings.” By Marilyn Snell. Mother Jones. Sept.-Oct. 1997. 15 Jan. 1998 <http://www.mojones.com/mother_jones/SO97/snell.html>.

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