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Works Cited

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Author. Title of source. Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location. Title of container 2 (if applicable), Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location.

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**Chapter/Work from a Book or Anthology**

A Multi-Volume Work

Part of a Multi-Volume Work

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Journal Article with Volume and Issue Number:

Article from a Newspaper:

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Signed:
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**Book Review:**


**Article Reprinted in a Collection:**


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**Video:**


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Pei, I. M. Personal interview. 22 July 1993.

**Government Document:**

Website:

NOTE: An access date is optional. It is particularly useful if there is no publication date.

Web page (portion of a website):

E-book:


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Journal Article from a Subscription Database:


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Melin, Charlotte. “Renderings of Alice in Wonderland in Postwar German Literature.”


YouTube Video:


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Munro, Alice. *The Progress of Love*. Penguin, 1995. A collection of short stories loosely connected by themes of love found and lost. Many of the stories are set in the author's native Canada, and contain glimpses of the landscape and weather typical of that land. Munro has won several national and commonwealth awards for her writing; this book includes several of her best stories.