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- The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu>
- www.apastyle.org

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Article in a periodical; one author:

Potter, H. (2007). Quidditch forever. *Journal of Magical History*, 11, 203-208.

Article in a newspaper; multiple authors:

Granger, H., McGonagall, M., & Dumbledore, A. (2008, June 14). Freedom for house-elves. *The Daily Prophet*, 12-14.