Reading the Source Citation for a Database Article

Directions: Use the source citation below to locate the following pieces of bibliographic information, using the bulleted tips to help you. There may be some lines that you leave blank because the information is not available.


**Article Title**
- The *article title* will be in “quotation marks.”

**Author**
- The *author’s name* usually appears first in the source citation and will appear backwards (last name, first name). Sometimes, if there is an author for the entire source and not just the article, the author’s name will be in the middle of the citation. Some articles/sources will not have an author.

**City of Publication**
- The *city of publication* comes before the colon.

**Database Name**
- The *database name* will be *italicized*. Typically this name is located near the end of the citation, before the word *Web*.

**Date the Database Was Accessed**
- There will be two *dates*, one showing the date that the source originally was published and another showing the date that the source was accessed online by the researcher (usually comes at the end of the citation).

**Date of Publication**
- Typically is located in the middle of the citation.

**Edition**
- If you see the abbreviation *ed.* after a number or the abbreviation *Rev.*, it means *edition* (Ex: 2nd ed., Rev. ed.).

**Editors**
- If you see the abbreviation *ed.* before or after a person’s name, that person is the *editor* (Ex: Barb Volter, ed.).

**Page Numbers**
- The *page numbers* will have a number, then a dash, then another number, unless it is a single page article.

**Publisher/Publishing Company**
- The *publisher/publishing company’s* name is located after the colon.

**Title of Source This Article Originally Came From**
- The *title of the source* the database article originally came from will be *italicized*. It shows the title of the book or the title of the magazine/journal/newspaper, etc. Do not confuse it with the italicized name of the database near the end.

**Volume Number**
- If a volume number is listed (abbreviated *Vol.*), the article originally came from a reference source, not a regular book.
Directions: Now look at the source citation for the article on the front of this paper to figure out what type of source this article originally came from. Answer each question below.

1. What is the date of publication of this article? ____________________________________________

2. Does this date of publication have a day/month/year? YES NO

3. Does this date of publication have a month/year? YES NO

4. Does this date of publication have just a year? YES NO

5. Read the following bulleted tips:
   - If the date of publication has a day/month/year, the article most likely originally came from a newspaper or a weekly magazine.
   - If the date of publication has a month/year, the article most likely originally came from a magazine/journal.
   - If the date of publication has just a year, the article most likely originally came from a non-periodical such as a book or reference source.

6. Did this article originally come from a newspaper, magazine/journal, or book/reference source? (Circle the correct answer.)
   - IF YOU CIRCLED newspaper OR magazine/journal, STOP HERE. #7, 8, AND 9 WILL NOT APPLY TO YOU.

7. Does this resource have a volume number? YES NO

8. Read the following bulleted tips:
   - If a non-periodical does NOT have a volume number, cite it as a book.
   - If a non-periodical DOES have a volume number, cite it as a reference source.

9. Is this resource a book or a reference source? (Circle the correct answer.)

Directions: Look at the source citation for your article to figure what type of source this article originally came from.

1. What is the date of publication of this article? ____________________________________________

2. Does this date of publication have a day/month/year, only a month/year, or just a year? (Circle which one.)

5. Read the following bulleted tips:
   - o If the date of publication has a day/month/year, the article originally came from a newspaper or a weekly magazine.
   - o If the date of publication has a month/year, the article originally came from a magazine/journal.
   - o If the date of publication has just a year, the article came from a non-periodical such as a book or reference source.

6. Was the type of source this article originally came from a newspaper, magazine/journal, or book/reference source? (Circle answer.)
   - ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW ONLY IF YOU CIRCLED BOOK/REFERENCE SOURCE FOR ANSWER #6.

7. Does this book/reference source have a volume number? YES NO

8. Read the following bulleted tips:
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