Determining the Original Source for Citations

Click on a link below for information on:

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## Is My Source a Book?

### Description:
- May be fiction or nonfiction
- Made to be read from cover to cover
- Published nonperiodically
- Comprehensive treatment of a subject
- Divided into chapters

### Look for:
- Look for a publisher:
  - Press
  - Company
  - Books
  - House
  - Publishers
- Look for an editor
- Look for a copyright year

### Not sure?
Search for the title as an exact phrase in [Google Advanced Search](https://www.google.com/search?q=site%3Abooks.google.com+&tbm=bks), [Amazon Advanced Book Search](https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=), or the [Library of Congress](https://www.loc.gov/) catalog.

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# Is My Source a Journal?

## Description:
- Scholarly, academic articles intended for members of a profession
- Articles contain original research and/or critical analysis
- Articles are peer-reviewed, juried, or refereed
- Includes references and citations
- Contains graphs, charts, formulas
- Published periodically (monthly, quarterly, annually)

## Look for:
- Look for these words in the title:
  - *Journal*
  - *Review*
  - *Studies*
  - *Research*
  - *Quarterly*
  - *Annals*
- Look for:
  - *Volume*
  - *Issue Number*
- Look for a month or season in the publication date

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Search for the title as an exact phrase in [Google Advanced Search](https://www.google.com/search?q=site:www.) or [JournalSeek](https://www.journalseek.com/)
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## Is My Source a Magazine?

### Description:
- General interest articles written to attract, inform, or entertain general readers
- Includes photos, illustrations, and graphics to enhance the article
- Footnotes and citations are rare
- Published weekly, monthly, or quarterly

### Look for:
- Look for these words in the title:
  - *Magazine*
  - *Digest*
  - *Illustrated*
  - *Popular*
  - *Weekly*
- Look for a day and/or month in the publication date

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• Daily  
• Enquirer  
• Express  
• Gazette  
• Herald  
• News  
• Post  
• Record  
• Telegraph  
• Times |
| Published daily or weekly | A place (city) in the title e.g. New York Times |
| | A section in the page number e.g. A10 |
| | A day, month, and year in the publication date |

### Not sure?
Search for the title as an exact phrase in [Google Advanced Search](https://www.google.com/search?q=site%3Asource+title) or look for your title in a directory of newspapers such as, [JPL2 Newspapers](https://jpl2.com/newspapers) or [List of Newspapers](https://www.newspapers.com). For more information, take a look at the [NoodleTools ShowMe© tutorial](https://noodletools.com/showme/).
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