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## Works Cited Page

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### **Citing books, Periodicals, and Patents:**

#### **Citing a Book without Editors**

Author, A.B.; Author, C.D. *Book Title*; Series Name and number (**If applicable**); Publisher: City, STATE (2 letters), year; Vol. 1, pp xx-yy.

#### **Example:**

Calvert, J.G.; Pitts, J.N. *Photochemistry*; Wiley: New York, NY, 1966; pp. 156-186.

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*Book Title*; Editor, A.B.p; Editor, c.D., Eds; Series Name and number (**If applicable**); Publisher: City, STATE (2 letters), year; Vol. 2, pp xx-yy.

#### **Example:**

*Chemical Review*; Smith, C.R.; Johns, A.S., Eds.; Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data; Carbunkle and Co.: New York, NY, 1999; Vol. 7, pp. 19-37.

#### **Citing a Book with Editors and Authors Named**

Author, A.B. In *Book Title*; Editor, C.D., Ed.; Series Name and number (**If applicable**); Publisher: City, STATE (2 letters), year; Vol. 3, pp xx-yy.

**Example:**

Johnson, S. M. In *Chemistry Today*; Sampson, R. N., Ed.; Wendleton Press: Los Angeles, CA, 2001; Vol. 4, pp.6-12.

**Citing a Journal**

Author, A. B.; Author, C. D. J. *Abbrev.* **19XX**, vol, xx-yy.

**Example:**

Kindling, T. E.; *Journal of Phys. Chem.* 2002, Vol. 6, 10-17.

**Citing a Patent**

Author, A. B. U. S. Patent 3,123,456, year.

**Example:**

Maverick, S. T. U.S. Patent 2,345,678, 1998.

**Citing a URL (Web Page)**

Author, (if provided). Title of page. Address of page (date accessed).

**Example:**

Hsu, D. Chemicool Periodical Table. <http://www-tech.mit.edu/Chemicool/>(accessed Jan 1999).

**Citing a Discussion List or Newsgroup Message**

**Example:**

Chemistry in the Community Discussion List, discussion of zinc and the common cold in archived messages of September 1998, CHEMOCOM@listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu.

**Citing an Online Periodical Article**

Author(s). Title of article. *Journal abbreviation* [Online] year, *volume*, pages.

**Example:**

McCoy, M. *Chem. Eng. News.* [Online] 1998, 76, 21-22.

### **Citing In-text:**

When citing sources in your text, cite by number, corresponding the author of your source in your text from the bibliography.

#### **Example:**

Oscillation in the reaction of benzaldehyde with oxygen was reported previously (3).

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#### **Example:**

Bronson (2) reported oscillation in the reaction of benzaldehyde with oxygen.

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Recent investigations (**cite**)

A molecular mechanics study (**cite**)

As described previously (**cite**)

Marshall and Levine's approach (**cite**)