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References		
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Book, 1 Author	Smith, Wendy. <i>Title of Book</i> . Marauder Publishers, 2019.	(Smith 15)
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Scholarly Article, 1 Author	Smith, Wendy. "Title of Article." <i>Marauder Journals</i> , vol. x, no. y, 1 Dec. 2019, pp. w-z. <i>Database</i> , doi:xx.xxxxx. Accessed 19 Dec. 2019.	(Smith 15)
Scholarly Article, 2 Author	Smith, Wendy, and Aaron Johnson. "Title of Article." <i>Marauder Journals</i> , vol. x, no. y, 1 Dec. 2019, pp. w-z. <i>Database</i> , doi:xx.xxxxx. Accessed 19 Dec. 2019.	(Smith and Johnson 15)
Scholarly Article, 3+ Authors	Smith, Wendy, et al. "Title of Article." <i>Marauder Journals</i> , vol. x, no. y, 1 Dec. 2019, pp. w-z. <i>Database</i> , doi:xx.xxxxx. Accessed 19 Dec. 2019.	(Smith et al. 15)
Interview/ personal communication	Smith, Wendy. Personal interview. 1 December 2019.	(Smith)
YouTube Video	Smith, Wendy. "Title of Video." <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by smiththebest624, 1 December 2019, www.URL.com	(Smith)

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References