

How to Prepare a Bibliography

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Ondaatje, Michael. In the Skin of a Lion. Toronto: Penguin Books, 1987.

Editor as an author:

Morton, Desmond, and Morton Weinfeld, eds. Who Speaks for Canada?
Toronto: McClelland & Stewart Inc., 1998.

Two authors:

Aaron, Jane E, and Murray McArthur. The Little Brown Compact Handbook
2nd Canadian ed. Toronto: Addison Wesley Longman, 2003

Three Authors:

Francis, R. Douglas, Richard Jones, and Donald B. Smith. Destinies: Canadian History Since Confederation, 3rd ed. Toronto: Harcourt Brace Canada, 1996.

No Author Given:

The Lottery. London: J. Watts, 1793.

An Essay, Work, or Chapter by an Author in an Edited Collection of Anthology:
Chong, Denise. "The Concubine's Children." Many-Mouthed Birds: Contemporary Writing by Chinese Canadians. Eds. Bennett Lee and Jim Wong-Chu. Vancouver: Douglas, 1991. 131-43.

Film or Video

The Sweet Hereafter. Dir. Atom Egoyan, Alliance Communications, 1997.

Web Pages on the Internet

Author(s). Name of page. Date of Posting/Revision (if available). Date of Access <electronic address>

Lederman, Leon. Topics in Modern Physics-Lederman. 12 Oct. 2001.

<http://www.ed.fnal.gov/samplers/hsphys/people/lederman.html>

References

It is acceptable to acknowledge sources in the body of your own paper or essay as in the example below:

The jade peony, like a "beautiful, cramped heart," is symbolic of Grandma's promise to always be with her grandson, Sek-Lung (Choy, 1995, pp. 150-151).

In the bibliography, your entry would look as such:

Choy, Wayson. The Jade Peony. Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 1995.