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Explanation of Formatting
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Article Title
- List the article’s title in quotation marks.
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- List the name of the journal the article is from in italics. Capitalize as appropriate.

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- List the volume and issue number of the journal if present.
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