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Brexit and British Nationalism

In a referendum held on June 23, 2016, the British people voted to leave the European Union (EU). This decision to exit Europe after more than four decades of membership indicates that many Britons believe their future will be more secure if they prioritize their own self-interests over the rest of Europe. It may also be a sign of increasing dissatisfaction with the country’s political elite, and an assertion from voters to implement a radical change at any cost.

Margins: One-inch margins on the sides and bottom of each page. For the top of the page, one-inch from the main heading, which will be a half inch above the name/page number heading.

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End of a sentence: Some researchers strongly dispute the Committee’s conclusion (Smith and Jones 10).

Author name in text: Smith and Jones dispute the Committee’s conclusion (10).

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PAPER EXAMPLE:

In Dr. Seuss’s book, children are encouraged to eat green eggs and ham (Seuss 56-62). Neither eggs nor ham is naturally green, and this color should alarm parents. When eggs are not refrigerated, the infectious disease Salmonellosis is a big concern. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that some victims will feel “pain in their joints, irritation of the eyes, and painful urination” (“What”). There are similar concerns about green ham. Letizia describes how undercooked pork can carry a deadly parasite, resulting in Trichinosis (1073). In severe cases, its victims “may have trouble coordinating movements, and have heart and breathing problems.” Death is rare, but does occur (“Disease”). If the child avoids this infection, he or she still might experience a dangerous allergic reaction (Huber 147, 160).
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- **2 authors**: Baker, Nancy L., and Nancy Huling.
- **3 authors**: Booth, Wayne C., Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams.
- **More than 3 authors**: Carroll, Noel, et al.

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SAMPLE CITATIONS: PRINT

1. Print books (by author or editor)


Tobias, Jacob, Mark Edwards, and Peter Smith. Schizophrenia and Treatment in Older Adults. UNC P, 2014.

2. Work in an anthology or collection of works by different authors


3. Two or more works by the same author


4. Print newspaper or magazine articles


5. Print journal articles

6. Interview


7. DVD or VHS


8. Television or radio broadcast


9. Image from a book

SAMPLE CITATIONS: ONLINE

1. E-books


HathiTrust Digital Library, babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/mb?a=listis;c=869533047.

2. Articles from library databases

Aitchison, Clyde B. "The Mormon Settlements in the Missouri Valley." *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society*, vol. 8, no. 3, 1907, pp. 276-289. JSTOR,


Howorth, Carole, Sue Tempest, and Christine Coupland. "Rethinking Entrepreneurship Methodology and Definitions of the Entrepreneur." *Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development*, vol. 12, no. 1, 2005, pp. 24-40. ProQuest,

search.proquest.com/docview/219197892?accountid=14179.

3. Websites and articles from websites


www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2008/07/is-google-making-us-stupid/306868/.

“The Scientists Speak.” *New York Times*, 20 Nov. 2007,


Tyre, Peg. “Standardized Tests in College?” *Newsweek*, 16 Nov. 2007,

www.csun.edu/pubrels/clips/Nov07/11-26-07V.pdf.
4. **YouTube or video on a website**

"Island Fever Blues." *YouTube*, uploaded by Jake Shimabukuro, 31 Aug. 2012,
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujFfKmSHgfQ.

5. **Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, or other streaming video service**


"Camille." *The Returned*, season 1, episode 1, A&E. *Netflix*,
www.netflix.com/title/80037657?s=i.


6. **Email**

Smith, Anthony J. "Re: Inquiry." Received by Jalen Thompson, 5 June 2019.

7. **Tweet or short message**

@nprinskeep. "There are reports of large street battles north & south of Tehran right now #Iranelection." *Twitter*, 23 June 2009, 11:15 a.m.,
twitter.com/nprinskeep/status/2298106072.

8. **Instagram**

*If no title is available, create a simple description and do not place it in italics or quotation marks.*


9. **Facebook**


10. **Podcasts or website audio**

Chang, Ailsa, host. “Why Scientists Can’t Explain All the Appeal of an Eclipse.”


11. **Apps**


12. **Image on a website**