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Another historian has treated World War I as vastly different than World War II (Taylor 147).

#### **Quotation:**

“National hatred which is seldom lacking in our wars, becomes a more or less powerful substitute for personal hostility of individuals” (Clausewitz 151).

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In the more controversial of his two works discussed here, Taylor places much of the blame for the war on the Allies (Origin 134).

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Your overall listing is arranged alphabetically. Use two spaces after periods. The second line and any additional lines in an entry are indented five spaces.

#### **Book/One Author:**

Clausewitz, Karl Von. War, Politics and Power. Chicago: Gateway, 1962.

#### **Book/Editor:**

Commager, Henry Steele, ed. Documents of American History. 7th ed.  
New York: Meredith, 1962

#### **News Article/No Author:**

“School Desegregation Ruling to Cost Taxpayers Millions.” Newsday 23 Mar. 1988: sec. 1:3

#### **News Article/Author:**

Smith, Red. “Dodgers Win at Last.” New York Times 12 Oct. 1955:Cl.

**Periodical/Journal:**

Hunt, Gaillard. "Office Seeking During Jefferson's Administration."  
American Historical Review 3 (1898): 270-291

**Two Books/Same Author:**

Taylor, A.J.P. The Course of German History. New York: Capricorn, 1967.  
The Origins of the Second World War. Greenwich: Fawcett, 1961.

**One Book/Two or More Authors:** (Authors in order on title page)

Morison, Samuel Eliot, Henry Steele Commager, and William E. Leuchtenburg.  
The Growth of the American Republic. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 1969.

**REFERENCE WORKS:**

"Southeast Asia." Encyclopedia Britannica. 1987 ed.

World Almanac. New York: Scripps Howard, 1988.

**Media:** films, filmstrips, slides, videos

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**CD-ROM Source:**

Canalte, Henry A. "Violent-Crime Statistics: Good News and Bad News."  
Law Enforcement Feb. 1995: 8. ABI/INFORM. CD-ROM. Proquest. Sept. 1995

**Web Source:**

Dumont, R.A. "An On-line Course in Composition." 10 Dec. 1977.  
UMASS Dartmouth Online 6 Jan. 1996  
<<http://www.umassd.edu/englishdepartment.html>>.

**On-line Database Source:**

Sahl, J.D. "Power Lines, Viruses, and Childhood Leukemia." Cancer Causes Control 6.1 (Jan. 1995): 83. MEDLINE. On-line 7 Nov. 1995. Dialog.

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