

# MLA Style - In-text Citation

## In-Text Citations - Direct quotations

*A parenthetical citation includes the author's last name and the page number(s) of the information used.*

Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

**OR**

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

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## In-Text Citations - Paraphrasing

*When you write information or ideas from a source in your own words, cite the source by adding an in-text citation at the end of the paraphrased portion.*

Kafka describes the insecurities of his youth, analyzing his social shortcomings in school and his rocky relationship with his father (44-46).

**OR**

The insecurities of youth are described, as the author analyzes his social shortcomings in school and his rocky relationship with his father (Kafka 44-46).

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## In-Text Citations - Reminder

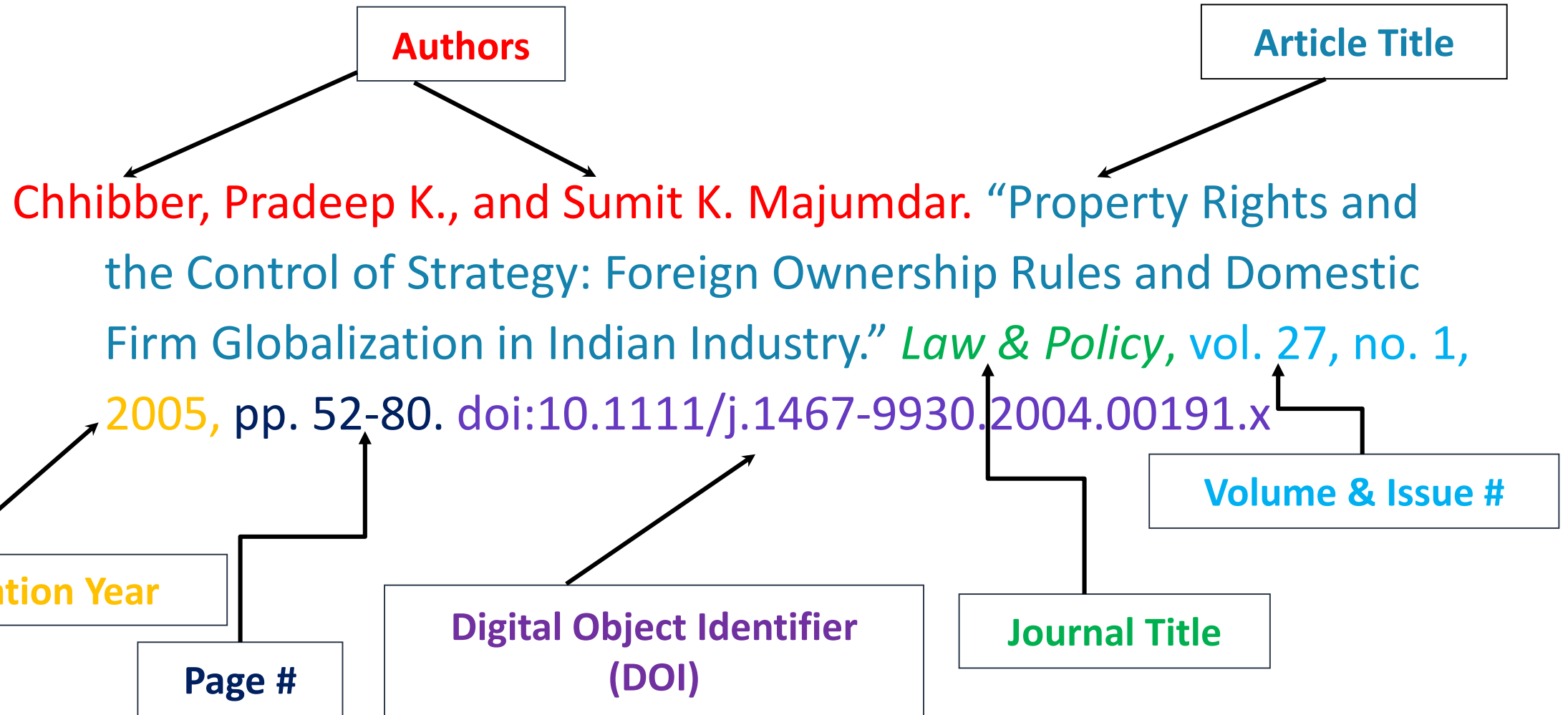
- No Author Name

If the author's name is not given, then use the first word or words of the title. Follow the same formatting that was used in the works cited list, such as quotation marks.

- Electronic Source without page number

When you quote from electronic sources that do not provide page numbers (like webpages), cite the author name only.

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## Authors

- Last name first, Give surnames and given names in full if possible.
- If there are two authors, the first author given name appears in last name, first name format; second author's name appears in first name last name format.
- If there are three or more authors, list only the first author followed by the phrase "et al." (means "and other") in place of the subsequent authors' names.

## Titles

- Title of the Book - Capitalize all principal words (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.). Do not capitalize articles (the, an), prepositions, or conjunctions unless one is the first word of the title or subtitle
- Italicize titles of larger works like books, periodicals, databases, and websites.
- Title of the Article - Putting the title of the article in quotations marks, and italicizing the periodical title.
- Title of the Journal - Capitalize all words in the journal title (except for common words).

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## Volume and Issue

- Volume - Follows the journal title, separated by a comma and preceded by **vol.**
- Issue - Follows the volume number, separated by a comma and preceded by **no.**

## Publication Date

- Books - Only the year is included in the publication date
- Journal Article - If the year is dated with a month or season, the month (abbreviated) or season is cited along with the year
- When the publication date of a work is unknown, omit this element

## Publisher

- Use of capital letters in the most important words of titles, not need to italicized
- Use UP for University Press, e.g. Oxford UP

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## DOIs and URLs

- **Digital Object Identifier (DOI)** is a unique alphanumeric string assigned by a registration agency to identify content and provide a persistent link to its location on the internet
- Include a DOI for all works that have a DOI, regardless of whether you used the online version or the print version
- If a print work does not have a DOI, do not include any DOI or URL in the reference
- If an online work has both a DOI and a URL, include only the DOI
- If an online work has a URL but no DOI, include the URL in the reference



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## Basic Format of Book

Eggers, William D., and Paul Macmillan. *The Solution Revolution : How Business, Government, and Social Enterprises are Teaming Up to Solve Society's Toughest Problems.* Harvard Business Review Press, 2013.

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## Edited Book, No Author

Leitch, Megan G., and Cory James Rushton, editors. *A New Companion to Malory.* D. S. Brewer, 2019.

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## Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

Armstrong, Dorsey. "Malory and Character." *A New Companion to Malory*, edited by Megan G. Leitch & Cory

Author(s)

Chapter /Article Title

Book Title

Editor(s)

James Rushton, D. S. Brewer, 2019, pp. 144-163.

Publisher

Publication Date

Page Number

Putting the chapter / article title with quotation marks, do not italicize

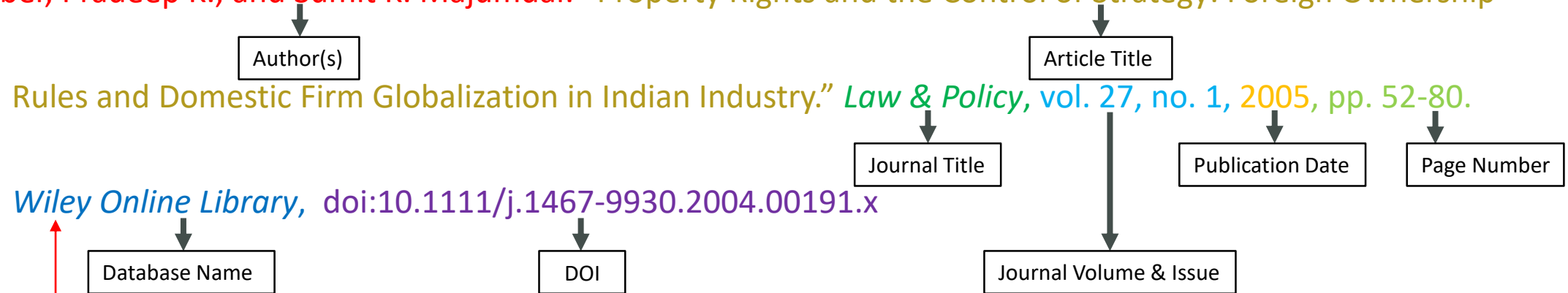
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In this case, editor's initials are placed before the surname

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## Basic Format of Journal Article

Chhibber, Pradeep K., and Sumit K. Majumdar. "Property Rights and the Control of Strategy: Foreign Ownership



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## Electronic Journal Article without DOI

Denny, Harry, et al. "“Tell Me Exactly What It Was That I Was Doing That Was so Bad’: Understanding the Needs

Author(s)

Article Title

and Expectations of Working-Class Students in Writing Centers.” *Writing Center Journal*, vol. 37, no. 1,

Journal Title

Journal Volume & Issue

2018, pp. 67-98. *JSTOR*, [www.jstor.org/stable/26537363](http://www.jstor.org/stable/26537363)

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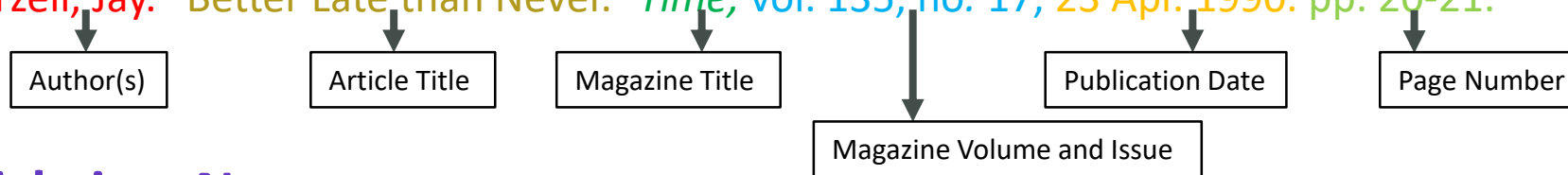
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Use URL if the source does not have DOI

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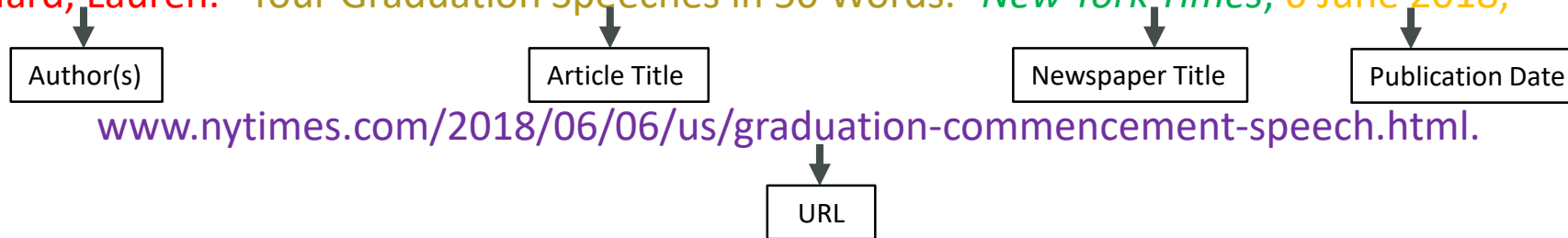
## Article in a Magazine

Peterzell, Jay. "Better Late than Never." *Time*, vol. 135, no. 17, 23 Apr. 1990. pp. 20-21.



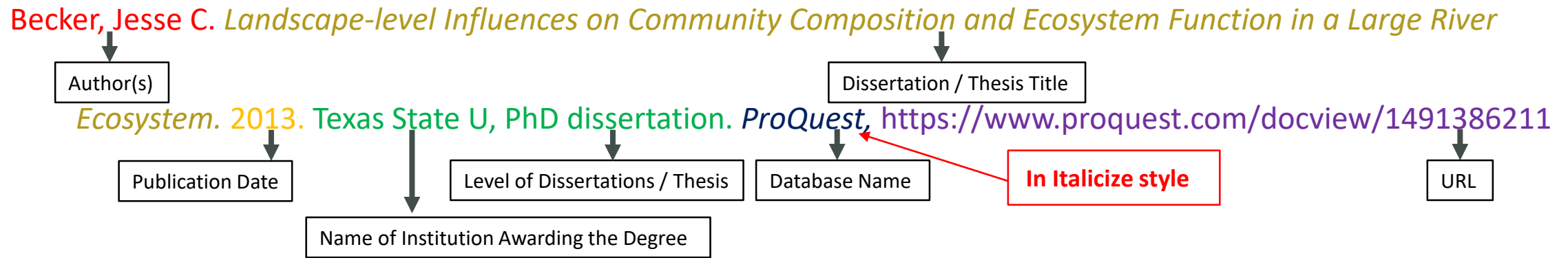
## Article in a Newspaper

Hard, Lauren. "Your Graduation Speeches in 50 Words." *New York Times*, 6 June 2018,

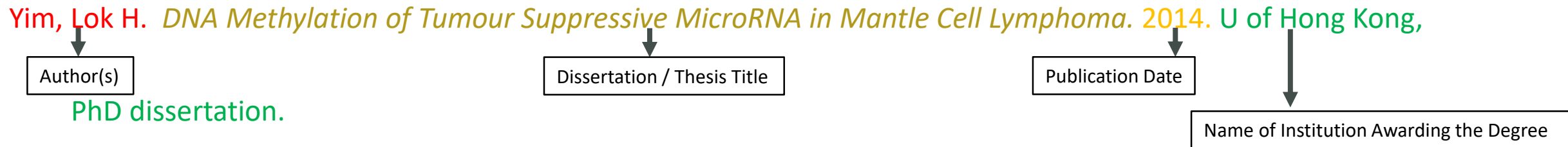


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## Dissertations and Theses (From a database)



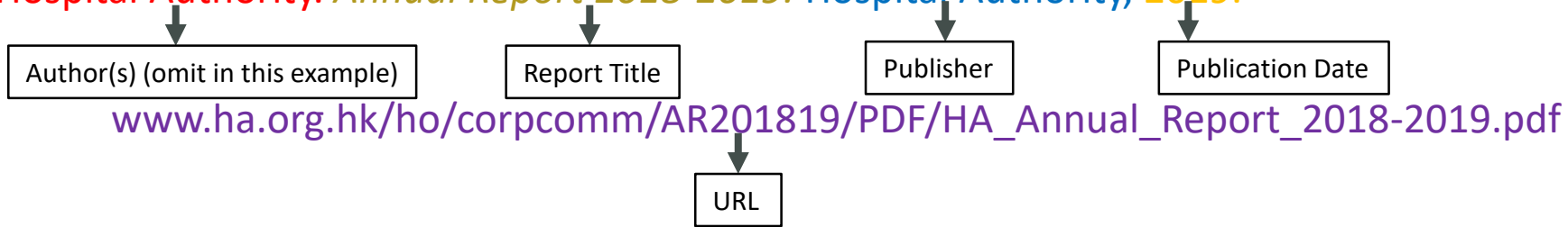
## Dissertations and Theses (Unpublished Paper)



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## Report

~~Hospital Authority.~~ *Annual Report 2018-2019.* Hospital Authority, 2019.



\*When the author and the publisher are the same, omit the author name from the source element

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## Website

Department of Health, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. "Coronavirus Disease

2019 (COVID-19)." *Centre for Health Protection*, 25 May 2020,

[www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/24/102466.html](http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/24/102466.html)

Author(s)

Title of Page or Document

Website Name

Date of Publication or Update Date

URL



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## Social Media

### Facebook Post

Rick Mercer Report. Spread the Net Challenge Winners 2016. Facebook, 23 Mar. 2016, 9:00 a.m.,



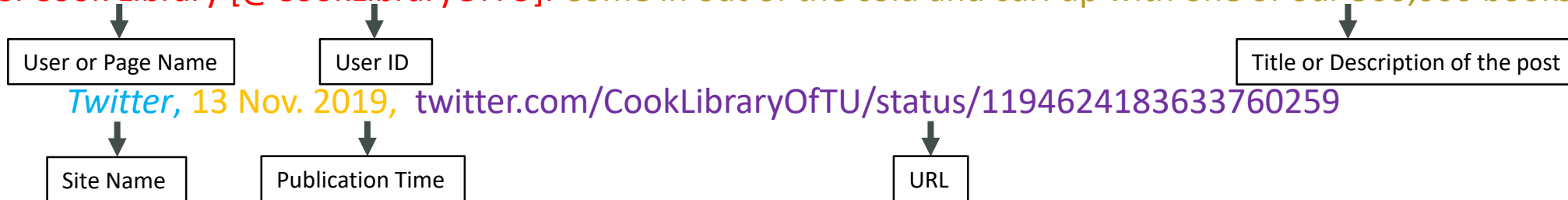
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### Tweet

A.S. Cook Library [@CookLibraryOfTU]. Come in out of the cold and curl up with one of our 500,000 books



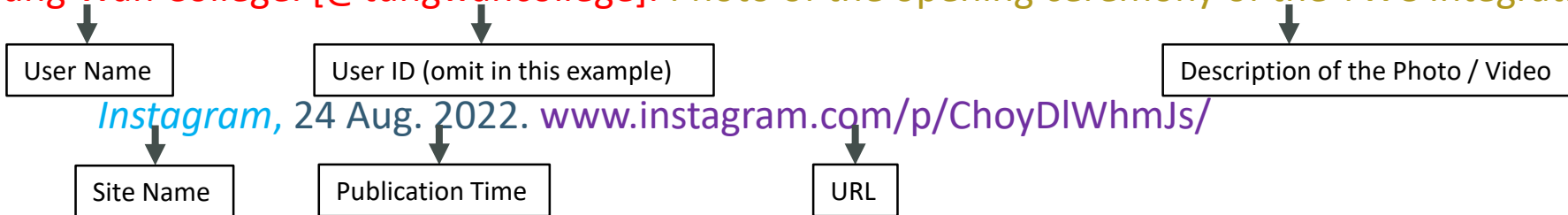
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## Social Media

### Instagram Photo / Video

Tung Wah College. ~~[@tungwahcollege]~~. Photo of the opening ceremony of the TWC Integrative Health Centre.



\*When the user name and ID are the same, omit the ID information from the source element

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## Reminder when citing Social Media

- Cite only original contents from social media sites
- If the post contains audiovisual only, provide the description of audiovisuals (In IG case, only give a description of the photo / video, no need to include any related text in the post)
- Do not reproduce emojis in works-cited-list entries.