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Begin by incorporating the elements below in the order listed for the works cited page:

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2. Title of Source (Work)
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Two examples shown below are from library databases. Punctuation on the templates correspond to the works cited page format.

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| 1. AUTHOR | Anestis, Michael D. and Joyce C. Anestis. |
| 2. TITLE OF SOURCE (WORK) | “Suicide Rates and State Laws Regulating Access and Exposure to Handguns.” |
| **CONTAINER 1** |  |
| 3. TITLE OF CONTAINER | *American Journal of Public Health,* |
| 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS |  |
| 5. VERSION |  |
| 6. NUMBER | vol. 105, no. 10, |
| 7. PUBLISHER |  |
| 8. PUBLICATION DATE | Oct. 2015, |
| 9. LOCATION | pp. 2049-2058. |
| **CONTAINER 2** |  |
| 3. TITLE OF CONTAINER | *Academic Search Premier,* |
| 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS |  |
| 5. VERSION |  |
| 6. NUMBER |  |
| 7. PUBLISHER |  |
| 8. PUBLICATION DATE |  |
| 9. LOCATION | doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2015.302753. |

Here’s what the elements in the above example put together for the works cited page will look like:

Anestis, Michael and Joyce C. Anestis. “Suicide Rates and State Laws Regulating Access and Exposure to Handguns.” *American Journal of Public Health*, vol. 105, no. 10, Oct. 2015, pp. 2049-2058. *Academic Search Premier,* doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2015.302753.

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| 1. AUTHOR | Rosen, Meghan. |
| 2. TITLE OF SOURCE (WORK) | “Misfires in the Gun Control Debate.” |
| **CONTAINER 1** |  |
| 3. TITLE OF CONTAINER | *Science News,* |
| 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS |  |
| 5. VERSION |  |
| 6. NUMBER | vol. 189, no. 10, |
| 7. PUBLISHER |  |
| 8. PUBLICATION DATE | May 2016, |
| 9. LOCATION | pp. 16-21. |
| **CONTAINER 2** |  |
| 3. TITLE OF CONTAINER | *Academic Search Premier,* |
| 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS |  |
| 5. VERSION |  |
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| 7. PUBLISHER |  |
| 8. PUBLICATION DATE |  |
| 9. LOCATION | http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=114917474&site=ehost-live |

So the above work will look like this on the works cited page:

Rosen, Meghan. “Misfires in the Gun Control Debate.” *Science News*, vol. 189, no. 10, May 2016, pp. 16-21. *Academic Search Premier,* http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=114917474&site=ehost-live

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PRINT BOOK EXAMPLE BELOW

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| 1. AUTHOR | Lott, John R. Jr. |
| 2. TITLE OF SOURCE (WORK) | *More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime and Gun-Control Laws.* |
| **CONTAINER 1** |  |
| 3. TITLE OF CONTAINER |  |
| 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS |  |
| 5. VERSION |  |
| 6. NUMBER |  |
| 7. PUBLISHER | U Chicago P, |
| 8. PUBLICATION DATE | 2010. |
| 9. LOCATION |  |

Putting the elements above together will look like this on a works cited page.

Lott, John R. Jr. *More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime and Gun-Control Laws.* U of Chicago P, 2010.

E(ELECTRONIC) BOOK EXAMPLE

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| 1. AUTHOR | Hueske, Edward E. |
| 2. TITLE OF SOURCE (WORK) | *Firearms and Fingerprints.* |
| **CONTAINER 1** |  |
| 3. TITLE OF CONTAINER |  |
| 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS |  |
| 5. VERSION |  |
| 6. NUMBER |  |
| 7. PUBLISHER | Facts on File, |
| 8. PUBLICATION DATE | 2009. |
| 9. LOCATION |  |
| **CONTAINER 2** |  |
| 3. TITLE OF CONTAINER | *Ebook Collection (Ebscohost),* |
| 4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS |  |
| 5. VERSION |  |
| 6. NUMBER |  |
| 7. PUBLISHER |  |
| 8. PUBLICATION DATE |  |
| 9. LOCATION | http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=257377&site=ehost-live. |

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Hueske, Edward E. Firearms and Fingerprints. Facts on File, 2009. *Ebook Collection (Ebscohost),* <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=257377&site=ehost-live>.

**In text citations** have not changed in the 8th ed. Example below:

“Firearms identification is limited to identifying the responsible firearm or ammunition component, while fingerprint identification is capable of identifying the responsible individual. The combination of firearms and fingerprint evidence offers insight into both who committed a crime and how that crime may have been committed.” (Huseke 105).

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