

Citation Linker: Finding Known Articles

Has your prof asked you to read an important article but only gave you the reference to the article not the full paper? Or maybe you found a great article for your group project but only copied down a few parts of the reference? You know the articles you want but how can you find them quickly? This video demonstrates how to use Citation Linker to find known articles –online or in print –using the parts of a citation or reference.

Your citations might look different from this one, but they should contain similar elements: author name, year of publication, article title, journal title, volume number, issue number, page range and sometimes DOI, or Digital Object Identifier, a unique identifier for online articles only.

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Click on **Resources for Research**, second in the left-hand menu bar.

Click on **E-Journal Titles**, the second item in the dropdown menu.

Now click on **Citation Linker** which is the second bullet on the page.

The default setting in **Journal Title** is “Exact match”, but if you have incomplete journal titles, you can choose “Contains” or “Begins with”. Do not use journal abbreviations.

For best results, enter **Journal Title, Year of Publication, Volume Number, and Start Page**. Missing the article title, author name, DOI and ISSN is ok.

Remember to check your spelling and hit **Enter** from your computer keyboard.

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