

How Library Stuff Works Videos: How to Find an Article from a Citation

At the beginning of term your instructor will give you a list of required readings.

These readings will often take the form of citations.

This is what a citation looks like.

This citation has four key pieces of information: The author, the title of the article, the journal title, and the volume and issue numbers.

Let's find this citation.

From the library homepage click the online journals tab.

Once we're in the online journals part of the catalogue type the name of the journal into the title keyword search box.

You'll want to put the title in quotation marks so that the search returns that exact journal.

When the record of the journal comes up we'll see a listing of links.

Each of these links will direct us to different places that we can access in electronic version of the journal that we're looking for, however, some sources may have restrictions on the years that were able to access.

It doesn't matter which source we select so long as the year of the article falls within the range shown.

Our article is from 1992 so we will select this source. A new screen will pop up.

From here we will find the appropriate year, then select the correct volume and issue, and then find the article from the table of contents. Here it is.

We can now click the full text, or PDF link, to open the article. From here we can print or save it.