

# Prompt for Source List Assignment

17.263: American Elections  
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This assignment is intended to get you started with identifying and following sources related to your chosen electoral race. Your task is to identify **four** distinct sources and, from each source, cite **one article or entry** directly relevant to your race. At least one of the sources should be a **local newspaper** in the state where your race is located.

You may use whatever citation style you are most comfortable with (person-ally, I prefer the [Chicago author-date](#) style). What is important (in general, not just in this assignment) is that each citation provide readers with enough information to (1) evaluate the quality of the source being cited and (2) locate where exactly the source says what you are claiming. That way, readers can come to their own judgements about the credibility of your evidence and, if they desire, check your sources.

Your submission should imitate the following template:

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Name of general source #1 (source type)
  - Citation to specific article/entry/page
  :
Name of general source #4 (source type)
  - Citation to specific article/entry/page
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For a complete example, see the following:

1. *The Oklahoman* (newspaper)
  - Carmen Forman. 2020. “Stitt Downplays White House Report.” *Oklahoman* (Oklahoma City, OK), September 18, A1, A8. Press-Reader.
2. *International Encyclopedia of Political Science* (online encyclopedia)
  - Reuven Y. Hazan. 2011. “Primary Elections.” In *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, and Leonardo Morlino, 1:730–735. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781412959636.n174>.
3. *The Cook Political Report* (online newsletter)
  - David Wasserman. 2020. “Rating Change: Republicans Sound Alarm, Riggleman’s VA-05 Moves to Toss Up.” *Cook Political Report* (September 18). <https://cookpolitical.com/analysis/house/virginia-house/rating-change-republicans-sound-alarm-rigglemans-va-05-moves-toss>.

Some notes:

- In citation 1, “PressReader” is the online database where the article was found. “(Oklahoma, OK)” indicates the location of *The Oklahoman*.
- In citations 2–4, the URL indicates the exact webpage of the source.
- In citation 3, “(September 18)” indicates the article’s publication date.

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