The Joys of Citing Material

You: How do I cite my material?
Marquardt: I’m so glad you asked. There are a variety of ways.

1. The summary without the author introduction:

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Exceptions: 14 X 8000 article does NOT have an author, so cite it by the abbreviated title (14 X 8000). The article that was written by David Roberts and Billi Bierling should be cited (Roberts and Bierling).

NOTES:

- The bolded text is just to highlight the information. You do not need to bold your citations in your essay. Notice the parenthetical citation has the end of the sentence period outside of the parentheses.
- When you first talk about an article, you should introduce the article name and the author. Then if you reference it again, you can just use the author’s name.
- If you are summarizing information from an article, you must cite that information.
- If you are using a direct quote (even if it’s one word), you must put the word-for-word comments in quotation marks, and cite the author and page number.