How to Read a Citation
Selections from the reference lists at the end of chapters in the textbook “Gendered Worlds” (Aulette and Wittner, 2012)


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When there isn’t any detail about the book other than the author’s name, this usually means that the full citation is somewhere else in the reference list. Look for “Tolleson-Rinehart” farther down the reference list and you’ll find the full information for that book.


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Newspaper and news publisher titles are followed by the date the article was published.

*WeNews*, February 20.
*Associated Press*, April 30.
Clues

Websites have the web address (URL). Just look for the http://.

Sometimes you might find a newspaper article with a website listed. Sometimes you’ll find a government report that’s on a website.

Look for other clues to know what type of document you’re looking for.
Analysis

Let’s look at that reference list again.

What kind of document are each of the following citations?

What are the clues?


