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1. AUTHOR,

Start with the author's Last name, First name. Include up to 2 authors per source (first name last name); after that use *et al.*

2. TITLE OF SOURCE,

Next, you will need to include the title of the source. Capitalize all major words in the title, unless the original is different.

The source is a shorter work in a larger collection, such as an article, episode, poem, or short story.

Note:

The Source is in quotation marks.

3. TITLE OF CONTAINER,

Now include the title of the container.

A container is used when the source is a complete piece on its own (novel, sculpture, movie, etc.).

You will always have a container - you may not have a source.

Note: The container is in italics.

4. OTHER CONTRIBUTORS,

This is where you can give further credit to those who contributed to the creation of the source. For example, editors, illustrators, translators may have influenced your understanding of the text. Simply say:

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5. VERSION,

If this is a version or edition of another work you need to include that in your citation here.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

This is the ultimate 'to do' of citing. When using direct quotations, or paraphrasing an authors work, you must use in-text citations.

You can do this by including the author's last name and page number in parenthesis. Example: (Johnson 4)

Or, by first using the author's name in the sentence and then including the page number at the end of the sentence in parenthesis.

6. NUMBER,

If your source is part of a volume, journal, sequence or issue you must include those numbers in your citation.

Example: vol. 4 or season 3, episode 22.

7. PUBLISHER

The publisher produces the source. Include the name as seen in the source. Do not forget to use capital letters for the publisher(s) as it is a business title. If there isn't a publisher use n.p.

Example: Penguin Random House

8. PUBLICATION DATE,

Simply the date it was published. If there is more than one date, use your judgment. You can use the date that is most relevant to you and your research, or the original publication date. For no date: n.d.

9. LOCATION.

Where did you locate the information? Include specific page numbers (p. or pp.) or URL.

In-Text Citation Example

Some of the most well loved books in the Valleyview Library Learning Commons are the *Harry Potter* series by JK Rowling. Every year we see the books being borrowed many times, and students (and staff) often have to wait for the next one to be returned before they can continue reading.

One famous person who is a big fan of the *Harry Potter* books is Dwayne Johnston who even tweeted: "Huffpuffs in the house!" Surprisingly, many of the cast of the *Harry Potter* movies are not in the same houses as their characters after taking the Pottermore sorting quiz. Rupert Grint is a fellow "huffpuff" with The Rock (Acuna).

One of the most famous quotes from the *Harry Potter* book series is when Dumbledore speaks to Harry about the Mirror of Erised. "It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live"(Rowling 157).

Another well known quote in the *Harry Potter* series is when Dumbledore awards Neville Longbottom 10 points which helps Gryffindor win the House Cup. "There are all kinds of courage," said Dumbledore, smiling. "It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends. I therefore award ten points to Mr. Neville Longbottom" (Rowling 197).

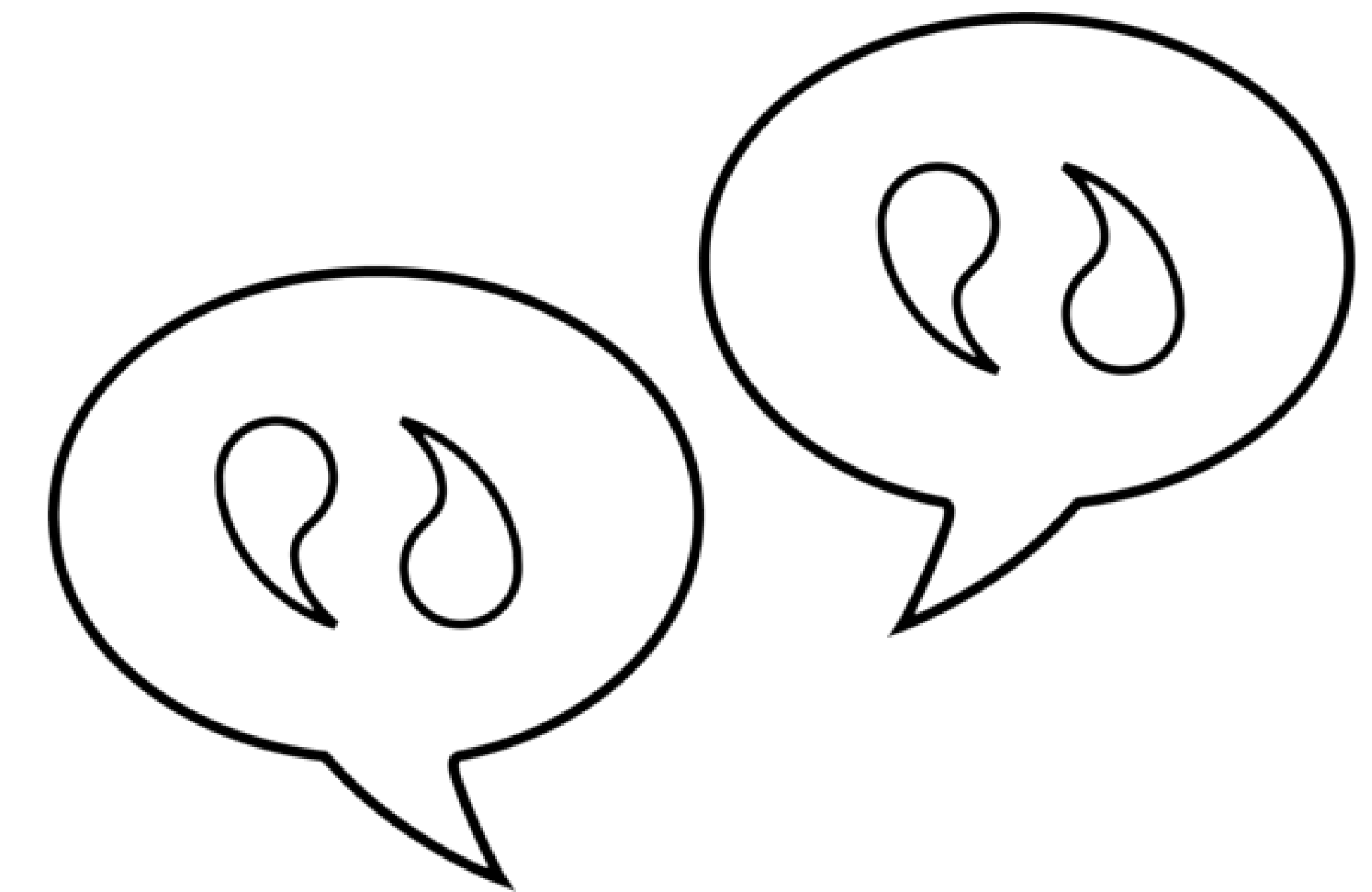
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