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Sample resource excerpt:

In a survey of 200 community college students, when participants were asked to rank their favorite dessert out of a list of ten options, ice cream sundaes were by far the top ranked dessert out of all choices presented.

-- "Popularity of Desserts," by Julia Greider, published April 1, 2019, page 50

Possible in-text citations you could create based on the above resource:

- Paraphrasing:
 - Greider (2019) proved in her study that students favored ice cream sundaes over any other dessert.
 - Participants in one prominent study favored ice cream sundaes over any other dessert (Greider, 2019).
 - Quoting:
 - One prominent study proved that in a survey, "ice cream sundaes were by far the top ranked dessert" (Greider, 2019, p. 50).
 - Greider (2019) proved in her study that "ice cream sundaes were by far the top ranked dessert" (p. 50).
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Format of references (for reference page at the end):

- Academic journal article:
 - **Format: Last name, First initial. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal, Volume*(issue), page-page. doi**
 - Example: Greider, J. (2019). Popularity of desserts. *Food Studies Journal*, 25(4), 10-25. <https://doi.org/10.1108/03090560710821161>
- Book:
 - **Format: Last name, First initial. (Year of publication). *Title of book*. Publisher's Name.**
 - Example: Greider, J. (2019). *This is a book about dessert*. RCC Press.
- Website:
 - **Format: Last name, First initial. [use site name if no person listed as author] (Date of publication). *Title of page*. Site name. [if not used as author] url**
 - Example: Ben and Jerry's. (2018, May 12). *Phish food*. <https://www.benjerry.com/flavors/phish-food-ice-cream>

When there are multiple authors:

- Connect them using "&" or "and," depending where the citation is:
 - Reference page: Greider, J., Smith, S., & Ramsay, T. (2019)....
 - In-text: (Greider, Smith, & Ramsay, 2019) *but* Greider, Smith, **and** Ramsay (2019) argue that...
- 1-2 authors: list all every time you cite them in-text or on the reference page
- 3+ authors: For in-text citations, list first author plus "et al." Example: (Greider et al., 2018). For reference page, list up to 20 authors. (If more than 20, see link at the top for instructions.)