

# Referencing

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# Why reference?

- Put your current work into context
- Provide supporting evidence for opinions, approaches taken
- Show you have read widely and know your subject
- Give your work academic credibility
- Allow others to easily find your sources
- Help you re-trace your reading in the future
- Avoid plagiarism
- Poor referencing will lose you marks

# When to reference

- Whenever you use someone else's ideas or words
- Whenever you copy the exact words or quote from someone else
- Whenever you use images, diagrams, charts, illustrations, etc

# You don't need to reference

- Your own original ideas, experiences, experimental observations
- Material that is common knowledge
  - Common sense observations (plants need water and sunlight to grow)
  - Well known facts .
  - Well known equations ( $E=mc^2$ )

# References

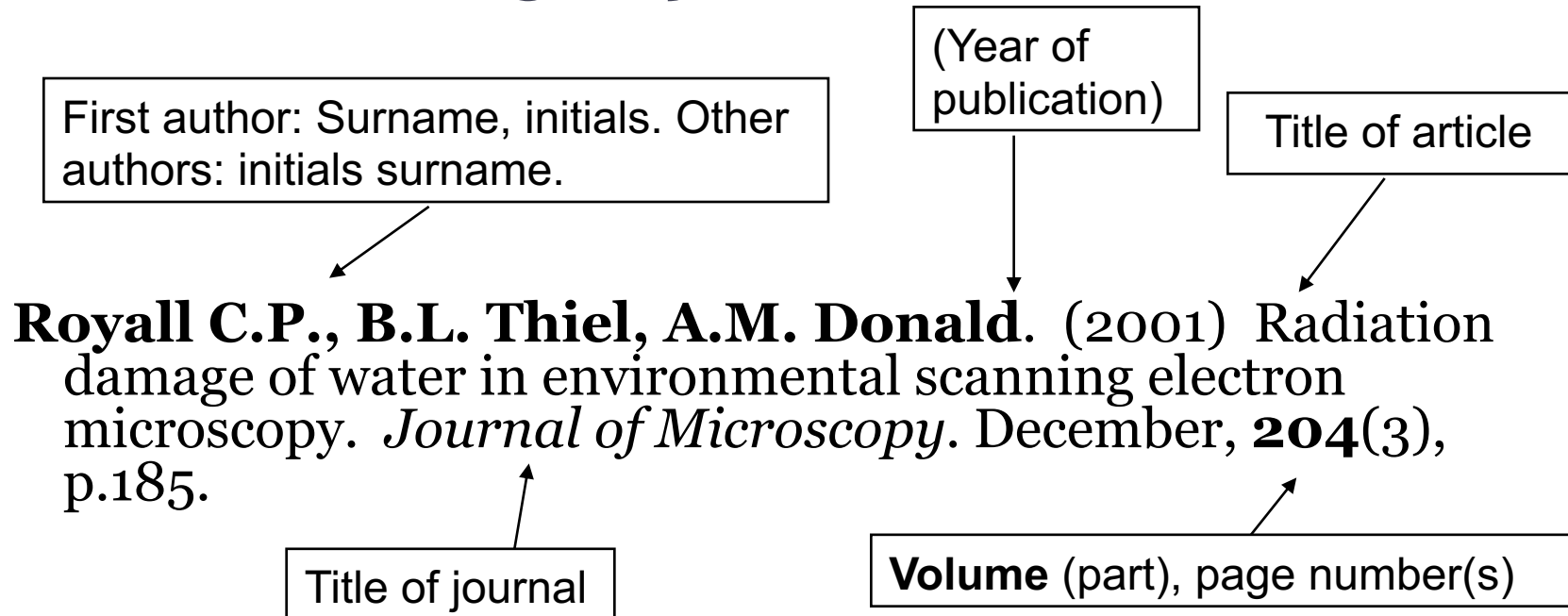
References involve 3 components:

- In-text citation
- The summarised/paraphrased/quoted version of the original
- Full *reference* details in the references section

# How to cite and reference

- Referencing styles
  - Harvard (author-date)
  - Numeric (numbered, Vancouver)

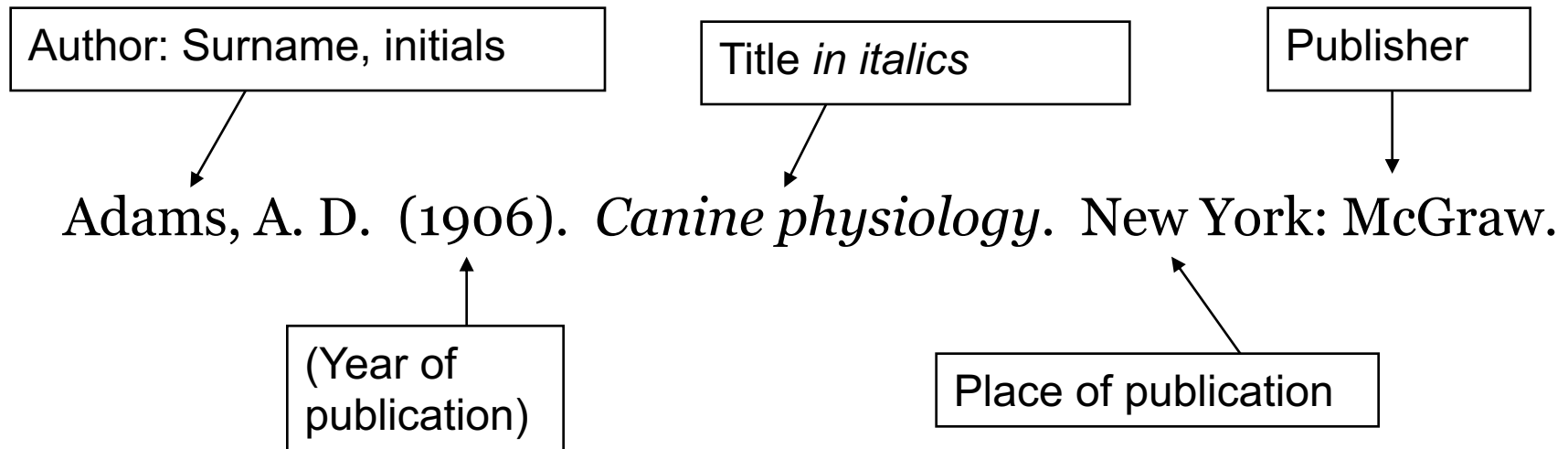
# Referencing a journal article



Numeric:

**Royall C.P., B.L. Thiel, A.M. Donald.** Radiation damage of water in environmental scanning electron microscopy. *Journal of Microscopy.* December 2001, **204**(3), p.185.

# Referencing a book



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## Reference list in Harvard style

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