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- For chapter or article titles use “” “Title of the Article.”

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- This categories usually means editors. Their names should be written: Edited by Tom Jones. (Not always present).

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- This most applies to journals which have either a volume or an issue number both, written: vol. 24, no.5,

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- The primary focus here is the page range, written: pp.16-25.

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