what are ZINES?

Short for fanzine or magazine, a zine is a DIY subculture self-publication, usually made on paper and reproduced with a photocopier or printer. Zine creators are often motivated by a desire to share knowledge or experience with people in marginalized or otherwise less-empowered communities.

Zines are excellent primary resources that give a voice to underrepresented demographics. They’re valuable research tools, and must be cited just like any other resource.

But zine citations can be tricky. Follow these steps to make sure you give every author proper credit...

Before we get started:

Not all zines will have every piece of citation material, but find what you can and be as detailed as possible. This is where you might be able to find biographical information on a particular creator...

example citations

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In-text citation:
An in-text citation names the author of the source, and gives the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

In a list of Works Cited:
Author last name, first name. “Title of Zine.” [Zine] Volume or issue number. City of publication. Year published.

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Author last name, first initial. (Year of Publication). Title of Zine. Zine. Volume or issue number. City of publication: Year published.

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Author first name and last name, Title of Zine, Issue/Volume Number(City of publication, year published), page(s) you are referencing.

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