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PRINT BOOK

Anthony, Lawrence. *The Elephant Whisperer*. Thomas Dunne Books, 2009.

AUTHOR'S NAME IN CITATION

The importance of the elephants was made clear when the author wrote, "I cannot visualize my life without them" (Anthony 2).

JOURNAL ARTICLE FROM AN ONLINE DATABASE

Daniels, Anthony. "Harper Lee's Loving-Kindness." *New Criterion*, vol. 33, no. 10, June 2015, pp. 16-20. EBSCOhost, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=lfh&AN=103029772&site=lrc-live.

AUTHOR'S NAME IN TEXT

In Anthony Daniels' literature review, "Harper Lee's Loving-Kindness," he writes about the connection people have with the books, stating that it "encourages us by identifying with him [Atticus] so strongly to bathe in the pleasantly warm waters of our own generosity of spirit and our self-regard" (20).

WEBSITE WITH NO AUTHOR

"Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World." *Davidepstein.com*, David Epstein, May 28, 2019. <https://davidepstein.com/why-generalists-triumph-in-a-specialized-world/>.

WEBSITE WITH NO AUTHOR OR PAGE NUMBER

An online newsletter notes, "If you've grown up in a world that requires you to connect concepts, you naturally view the circles holistically, in relation to one another" ("Why Generalists").

VIDEO CITATION

Brown, Brené. "The Power of Vulnerability." *YouTube*, uploaded by TED, 3 Jan 2011, www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCvmsMzIF7o.

AUTHOR'S NAME AND PLAYBACK TIMESTAMP

In her talk at TedXHouston, at 18:56 Brené Brown said, "We just need you to be authentic and real."