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1. Essays should follow the Chicago Manual of Style. For L’Esprit Créateur house style, please consult recent issues of the journal, noting the following:

   - All material, including epigraphs, footnotes, and quotations, must be double-spaced. A single space should be used after a sentence period, and real italics should be used rather than underlining. Citations over 3 lines (approximately 50 words) must be set off from the text, indented five spaces, double-spaced, and in the same type-size as the main text.
   - For essays in French, French quotation marks (« ») are preferred. Place quotation marks and endnote references inside punctuation (e.g.: »9«). For essays in English, place quotation marks and endnote references outside punctuation (e.g.: ,"9"). Elide “o” and “e” when possible. All omitted material should be indicated by bracketed ellipses […] unless the ellipsis is in the original quoted material.
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   **Book**


   **Article**
   Erica Harth, “The Tragic Moment in *Athalie*,” in *Modern Language Quarterly*, 33 (1972): 382-85. [List only pages referred to, and total pages only when the reference is a general one.]

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