**Scenario 2: You have an incomplete citation and want to obtain the full text of the article**

Your first step is typically to try to find the full citation. How easy or hard this will be depends on how much information you have, as well as a number of other factors, such as how common or unique the author’s last name is, how long ago the article was published, how obscure or popular both the author and publication are, etc.

Try this:

1. Ask a professor if they know of the article and if they can fill in some of the missing citation parts.
2. Do a Google search, entering as much information you have. Perhaps the citation will come up.
3. Try one of Maxwell Library’s periodical databases. Choose one that covers the subject of the article (a science database for an article on a scientific topic, etc., or try a general academic database, such as Academic Search Premier). Perhaps you’ll find the citation, or even the full-text of the article.
4. Ask a librarian for assistance in finding the full citation.

Once you have a full citation, you can then follow the steps in **Scenario 1** to obtain the full-text.