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<b>Science Dictionary</b>	Definition of Terms	"Topic", <u>Title of Book</u> . Edition, Date.
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<b>Encyclopedia / Science Encyclopedia</b>	Basic science background / historical background.	"Topic", <u>Title of Book</u> . Edition, Date.
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