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### ONLINE RESOURCES (pp. 207-235)

#### Article from a library subscription database

(Note: for articles from JSTOR and Project Muse, you do not include the URL address.)

Author's last name, First name. "Title of Work." Article's original source and publication date: page numbers or number of paragraphs. Database name and provider/publisher. Name and city of subscribing library. Date you visited the site. <URL of service's main page>.

Besonne, Magali. "Building American Citizenship: A Matter of Rights or of Races?" International Social Science Journal 57 (2005): 113-126. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. University of Southern Indiana Rice Lib., Evansville. 22 Oct. 2006 <<http://web.ebscohost.com/>>.

#### Web Site

Title of the Internet site. Date of electronic publication or of the latest update. Name of sponsoring institution or organization. Date you visited the site. <URL of the source's main page>.

Racial Profiling Data Collection Resource Center. 2004. Northeastern University Institute on Race and Justice. 22 Sept. 2005 <<http://www.racialprofilinganalysis.neu.edu/index.php>>.

#### Internet article based on a print source

Bailey, W. J. and T. J. Hammond. "Duetting in Insects - Does Call Length Influence Reply Latency?" Journal of Zoology 260 (9 July 2003): 267-74. <[journals.cambridge.org](http://journals.cambridge.org)>.

#### Electronic book

Norman, Richard. The Moral Philosophers. New York: Oxford UP, 1998. NetLibrary. University of Southern Indiana. 14 Aug. 2001 <<http://www.netlibrary.com>>.

### BOOKS (pp. 147-179)

Author or editor's last name, First name. Title of Book: Sub-title. Edition. City of publication: Publisher, year published.

#### Book

Wright, Francis, and Paul Allen. Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution. New York: Farrar, 2002.

#### Entry in a reference book

Allen, Anita L. "Privacy in Health Care." Encyclopedia of Bioethics. Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. ed. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 1995.

#### Two or more works by the same author(s)

Bennett, Margaret. Language and Art: Verbal Artistry in Frost and Stevens. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1999.

---. Sir Gawain and Mythology. New York: Norton, 2002.

#### Government publication

United States. Cong. Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. Hearings. 79<sup>th</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sess. 32 vols. Washington: GPO, 1946.

Author's last name, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Journal or Magazine Volume number.issue number (year published): page numbers.

**Article in a popular magazine or scholarly journal** (with page numbering continuing from issue to issue)  
Albada, Kelly F. "Dialogue about American Families on Television." Journal of Communication 50.4 (2000): 79-110.

**Article in a popular magazine or scholarly journal** (with each issue beginning with page one)  
Paul, Annie Murphy. "Self-help: Shattering the Myths." Psychology Today Mar.-Apr. 2001: 60-68.

**Article in a newspaper or popular magazine** (weeklies and dailies)  
"Art at Home and Abroad: Arts and Crafts Movement So Widespread as to Come Into No Inconsiderable Competition with Machine Workers." New York Times 6 Dec. 1908: B6.

**OTHER RESOURCES** (pp. 194-207)

**DVD or Video**

Title. Director ("Dir.") and performers ("Perf."). Distributor, year released. (For a videotape or DVD, add "Videocassette" or "DVD" before the name of the distributor.)

Chocolat. Dir. Lasse Hallstrom. Perf. Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina, Lena Olin, and Johnny Depp. Miramax, 2001.

**TV or Radio Show**

"Title of radio segment or television episode." Title of the program. Program's writer ("By"), director ("Dir."), performers ("Perf."), or host ("Host"). Network, local station (if any), date of program broadcast.

"Domestic Terrorism." Dateline NBC. Host Stone Phillips. NBC. WBEZ, Chicago. 4 May 2002.

**Personal Communication**

Peterson, Jules. E-mail interview. 8-12 May 2005.

**In Text Citations**

Paraphrasing or quoting without author's name in sentence:

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* was originally written for a ghost story competition (Harriet 89).

Paraphrasing or quoting with author's name in sentence:

Paulsen believes this specific system is doomed to fail (45-56).

Referencing more than one author in a sentence:

Several scholars note the interdisciplinary nature of Women's Studies (Hale 80; Moore 45).

Quoting an author:

Cohn explains, "Issues associated with children's direct participation in armed conflict or indirect participation as witnesses are among the most manifest concerns to be dealt with during peacemaking, yet they are routinely overlooked" (180).

Unknown author:

The filtration system in place was problematic and was eventually replaced in 1918 ("Filtration System Management" 196).

No page number:

Though his company was not as profitable as he expected, the factory owner's children stood to inherit millions (Sampson).

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Ambrose, Anthony. Letter. New England Journal of Medicine 337 (1997): 128.

Cain, Alasdair, and Mark Burris. "Investigation of the Use of Mobile Phones while Driving." Apr. 1999. Center for Urban Transportation Research. 12 Mar. 2001 <[http://www.cutr.eng.usf.edu/its/mobile\\_phone\\_text.html](http://www.cutr.eng.usf.edu/its/mobile_phone_text.html)>.

Cohen, Peter J. Letter. New England Journal of Medicine 337 (1997): 127.

Harvard Center for Risk Analysis. "Cellular Phones and Driving: Weighing the Risks and Benefits." Risk in Perspective July 2000. 15 Mar. 2001 <<http://www.hcra.harvard.edu/pdf/July2000.pdf>>.

Jacobs, Annette. "Guest Opinion: No New Laws Needed for Driver Distractions." Wireless Week 24 May 1999. 12 Mar. 2001

Heading is centered.

List is alphabetized by authors' last names (or by title, if a work has no author).

First line of each entry is at left margin; next lines are indented 1/2" (or five spaces).

Double-spacing is used throughout.

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