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Online Resources

Article

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (year). Article title. *Journal title*, Volume number, (Issue number), pp-pp. Doi (The issue number is not necessary for journals that have continued pagination from volume to volume.)

From a library subscription database with a doi

Borman, W. C. (2005). Role of early supervisory experience in supervisor performance. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 78, 443-449. doi: 10.1037/0021-9010.78.3.443

From a library subscription database without a doi

Hamilton, C. (1992). A way of seeing: Culture as political expression in the works of C.L.R. James. *Journal of Black Studies*, 22, 429-443. Retrieved from <http://jbs.sagepub.com/>

From an online journal

Beigi, R. H., Davis, G., Hodges, J., & Akers, A. (2009). Preparedness planning for pandemic influenza among large US maternity hospitals. *Emerging Health Threats Journal*, 2(e2). doi: 10.3134/ehjt.09.002

From an online newspaper (weeklies and dailies)

McMains, V. (2009, August 16). Putting pain in perspective: Doctors trying to measure how much it hurts. *The Chicago Tribune*. Retrieved from <http://www.chicagotribune.com/>

Web site document

Author, A. A. (year). Document title. Retrieved date from specific URL. (If there is no author, start with the document's title and date. If there is no date, use n.d. in parentheses after the title.)

Top ten reasons to support organic in the 21st century (n.d.). Retrieved August 19, 2009 from <http://www.organic.org/articles/showarticle/article-206>

Depression (2009). Retrieved August 19, 2009 from <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/depression/index.shtml>

Entire web site

If you are citing an entire web site and not a specific document or page, only include an in-text citation.

Kidspsych is a wonderful interactive website for children (<http://www.kidspsych.org>).

Electronic book

Wharton, E. (1996). *The age of innocence*. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com/>

DOI's:

DOI stands for Digital Object Identifier. It is a unique, alphanumeric string that is assigned to a document in order to provide a consistent link on the Internet. It is typically located on the first page of an electronic journal article near the copyright information. In a database the DOI may be found in the article's citation.

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For documents from web sites use the specific URL.

Periodical – Print Source

Article in a journal or magazine (For publications where the page numbering continues from issue to issue)

Mellers, B. A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Psychological Bulletin*, 126, 910-924.

Article in a journal or magazine (For publications that start each issue with page one)

Klimoski, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, 45(2), 10-36.

Article in a magazine (weeklies or dailies)

Kandel, E. R. (2000, November 10). Breaking down scientific barriers to the study of the mind. *Science*, 290, 1113-1120.

Article in a newspaper (weeklies and dailies)

Hafner, K. (2009, May 26). Texting may be taking a toll. *The New York Times*, p. D1, D6.

Book –Print Sources

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B., (year). Book title: Subtitle. Place of publication (City, State or City, Country): Publisher.

Book

Beck, C. A. J., & Sales, B. D. (2001). *Family meditation: Facts, myths, and future prospects*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Burt, R. (Ed.). (2007). *Shakespeares after Shakespeare: An encyclopedia of the Bard in mass media and popular culture*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Entry in a reference work

Bourguignon, E. (2004). Possession and trance. In C.R. Ember & M. Ember (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of medical Anthropology: Health and illness in the world's cultures* (Vol. 1, pp. 137-145). New York, NY: Springer.

Edited book with no author

Brockopp, J. E., & Eich, T. (Eds.). (2008). *Muslim medical ethics: From theory to practice*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press.

Edited book with an author

Darwin, C. (2008). *On the origin of species* (D. Quammen, Ed.). New York, NY: Sterling.

Book edition other than the first

Helfer, M. E., Keme, R. S., & Drugman, R. D. (1997). *The battered child* (5th ed.). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Other Resources

Personal Communication

For interviews, letters, e-mail, and other person-to-person communications, *cite in-text only*. Do not include personal communications in your reference list. See below.

One of Patterson's former aides, who worked with the gorilla Michael, believes that he was capable of joking and lying in sign language (E. Robbins, personal communication, January 4, 2000).

Film, video recording, television program or other audiovisual source

Lustig, B. (Producer), Molen, G. R. (Producer), & Spielberg, S. (Director). (1993). Schindler's list [Motion Picture]. United States: Viacom.

Government publication

U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). Statistical abstract of the United States. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office.

In-Text Citations

Paraphrasing or quoting without author's name in sentence

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine protects against four different strands of HPV (Clifton, 1994).

Paraphrasing or quoting with author's name in sentence

Schroeder (1945) believed, and rightly so, that the Emperor Rat would be extinct in his lifetime (34).

Referencing more than one author in a sentence

Several works (Brunhower, 2002; Kolb, 1990; Mathewson, 1999) cite the gruesomeness of the Grimm fairytales.

Quoting with an author's name in the sentence

McMillan (2005) notes, "The phenomenon of celebrity culture has been around since pharaohs ruled Egypt" (p. 135).

Unknown author

The Police were inspired by a mix of musical genres including jazz and punk ("The Police: A history," 2000).

No date

Although the telephone book has been around for over a hundred years, online telephone directories are used more often in today's society (Bell, n.d.)

Sample Reference Page

Obesity in Children

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Crister, G. (2003). *Fat land: How Americans became the fattest people in the world*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin.

Crister, G. (2007). *Generation RX: How prescription drugs are altering American lives, minds, and bodies*. New York, NY: Mariner Books.

Duenwald, M. (2004, January 6). Slim pickings: Looking beyond Ephedra. *The New York Times*, p. F1. Retrieved from <http://nytimes.com/>

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. (2004). *The role of media in childhood obesity*. Retrieved January 9, 2004 from <http://www.kff.org/entmedia/7030.cfm>

Roche Laboratories (2005). Xenical gains European approval for use in young people. Retrieved February 18, 2006 from http://www.roche.com/investors/ir_update/inv-update-2005-06-28.htm

Yanovski, S. Z., & Yanovski, J. A. (2002). Drug therapy: Obesity. *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 346, 591-602. Retrieved from <http://content.nejm.org/>

Example of a Reference Page

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List of references begins on a new page. Heading is centered.

List is alphabetized by authors' last names. All authors' names are inverted.

The first line of an entry is at the left margin; subsequent lines indent 1/2" (or five spaces).

Double-spacing is used throughout!

For works by the same author, list references based on the works' dates from earliest to latest.