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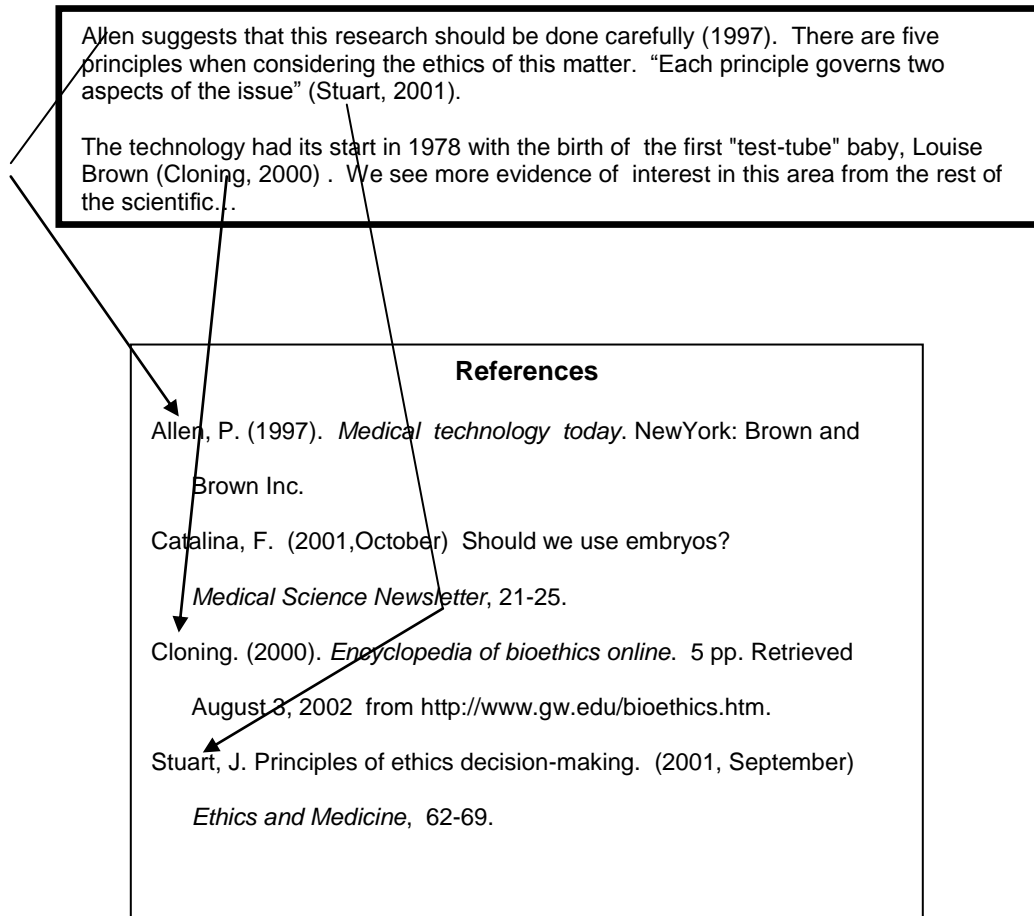
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## EXAMPLES





## CITING PRINT SOURCES: MORE EXAMPLES

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Author's Lastname, Author's Initial(s). (year). *Title of book*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

### BASIC FORM FOR A BOOK--TWO AUTHORS

Cone, J. D., & Foster, S. L. (1993). *Dissertations and theses from start to finish*. Washington, D.C: American Psychological Association.

### EDITED BOOK

Gibbs, J. T., & Huang, L.N. (Eds.). (1991). *Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority youth*. San Francisco: Jossey Bass.

### ESSAY IN AN EDITED BOOK

Mahoney, M.J. (1990). Psychotherapy and the body in the mind. In T.F. Cash & T. Pruzinsky (Eds.), *Body images: Development, deviance, and change*. (pp. 316-330). New York: Guilford Press.

### REFERENCE BOOK--NO AUTHOR GIVEN

*Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary* (10th ed.) (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam Webster.

### SIGNED ARTICLE IN AN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Kupfer, C. (1994) Blindness. In *Collier's encyclopedia* (Vol. 4, pp. 256-258). New York: P.F. Collier.

### BASIC FORM FOR A PERIODICAL ARTICLE

Author's Lastname, Author's Initial(s). (year, month day of publication). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume number (issue number), page number(s).

### ARTICLE IN GENERAL-INTEREST PERIODICAL

Sieder, J.J. (1996, February 12). The latest head trip: Virtual-reality technology may be a cost-effective therapy. *U.S. News & World Report*, 120 (12), 66.

### ARTICLE IN A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

Bekerian, D.A. (1993). In search of the typical eyewitness. *American Psychologist*, 48 (6), 574-576



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## CITING ELECTRONIC SOURCES: DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

Basically, there are two categories of electronic resources that are used most often: (1) Web pages that you have found by using a search engine or directory like Google or Yahoo! or (2) articles from the Library's Research Databases, like *EBSCOhost* or *Facts.com*, etc. It is crucial to provide your means of accessing the information--**either** the network address (URL) of the sites **or** the name of the database you used, as these are the most efficient ways of finding the information again to review it.

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Author's Last Name, Author's Initial(s). (year, month day of publication/creation). Title of page or section in Web site. *Title of Complete Web Site or Page*, length of publication.  
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### A NOTE ABOUT RETRIEVAL DATES:

Websites that are freely available (without a subscription or password needed for access) and that are likely to change or be updated DO need a retrieval date.

## EXAMPLE

Smith, J. (2004, November 27). The truth about marijuana. *Paranoia's Drug Information Server*, 5 pp. Retrieved November 11, 2005 from <http://www.paranoia.com/drugs/marijuana/facts/truth-mjtxt>

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### A NOTE ABOUT RETRIEVAL DATES:

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### A NOTE ABOUT DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIERS

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**However, DOIs are NOT always supplied. In that case, the title of the database should be sufficient.**

# EXAMPLE

Collins, M. S. Ross; Cornish, K. (2002, March). [A survey of the prevalence of stereotypy, self-injury and aggression in children and young adults with \*Cri du Chat\* syndrome](#). *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*, 46 (2), 133-140. doi: 10.1046/j.1365-2788.2002.00361.x.

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### ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER ARTICLE (EBSCOHOST)

Treatment of social phobia. (1992, March). *American Family Physician*, 45, 1459-1460. doi: 10.1289/afp.11342.

### AORN VIDEO LIBRARY

*Malignant Hyperthermia: Keeping Your Cool*. (2009). [Video]. Retrieved from AORN Video Library.

### BUSINESS SOURCE PREMIER ARTICLE (EBSCOHOST)

Brinner, R.E. (1999, January/February). Is inflation dead? *New England Economic Review*, 37-50. Retrieved from EBSCOhost: Business Source Premier database.

### CQ (Congressional Quarterly) RESEARCHER

Jost, K. (2000, April 14). Gay rights update. *CQ Researcher*, 305-327. Retrieved from CQ Researcher database.

### CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Young, J. (2011, May 6). A college unfriends its social networking president. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, LVII, A1. Retrieved from Chronicle.com database

### EBRARY ELECTRONIC BOOK

Jones, E. (2007) *Obesity in adults*. Retrieved from ebrary collections database.

### ERIC DOCUMENT (EBSCOHOST)

Lerner, C. (2002). *Getting in tune: The powerful influence of music in young children's development*. 13 pp. Washington, D.C.: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families. Retrieved from EBSCOhost: ERIC database. (ED4751777).

### FACTS.COM: ISSUES AND CONTROVERSIES ON FILE

Racial disparities. (1996, January 12). *Issues and Controversies on File*, 3 pp. Retrieved from Facts on File database.

### FREDERICK NEWS-POST ARTICLE

Brown, B. (2000, June 20). Mayor halts heated meeting. *Frederick News-Post*, 2 pp. Retrieved from Frederick News-Post database.

### GALE LITERATURE REFERENCE SOURCE

- If from a magazine, journal, or newspaper, cite as following:

Symons, H. (1986, October 5). The queen of crime: P.D. James. *New York Times Magazine*, 48-52. Retrieved from Gale: Contemporary Literary Criticism Select.

- **If from a book, cite as following:**

Isaac Rosenberg. (2000). In *Dictionary of literary biography. Vol. 216: British poets of the great war: Brooke, Rosenberg, Thomas*, 305-327. Retrieved from Gale: Dictionary of Literary Biography.

#### **GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY**

Fischman, M.W. (2001). Crack. In R. Carson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of drugs, alcohol, and addictive behavior* (2d. ed.). (Vol. 1, pp. 134-135). Retrieved from Gale Virtual Reference Library.

#### **HEALTH SOURCE: NURSING ACADEMIC EDITION (EBSCOHOST)**

Study: Use of Ritalin for ADHD reduces substance abuse risk. (1999, August 9), *Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Weekly*, 11, 6. Retrieved from EBSCOhost: Health Source: Nursing Academic Edition database.

#### **NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS 5 ARTICLE**

Will, G. (1995, April 25). The paranoid impulse. *Washington Post*, A13. Retrieved from ProQuest: National Newspapers 5 database.

#### **NAXOS MUSIC LIBRARY**

Bach, J.S. (1708). [Recorded by Lionel Rogg.] Toccato. *Toccato and Fugue in D Minor*. Retrieved from Naxos Music Library

#### **NEW YORK TIMES HISTORICAL EDITION(1851-2003)**

Many nations share America's grief. (1963, November 24), A6. Retrieved from ProQuest: New York Times Historical Edition database.

#### **OID NURSING COLLECTION**

- **BOOKS**

Latex allergy. (2006). In Mills, E.J. (Ed.) *Handbook of medical surgical nursing*. (4<sup>th</sup> ed.) Retrieved from OVID: Frederick Community College Nursing Books database.

- **JOURNALS**

Budd, G.M. and Hayman, L. (March/April 2008). Addressing the childhood obesity crisis. *MCN, American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, 33(2), 111-118. doi: 10.1111/j.1745-7599.2006.00105.x

#### **PSYCARTICLES (EBSCOHOST)**

Johnson, S.L. (2002, April). Current treatments for bipolar disorder: A review. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 33 (2), 212-223. Retrieved from PsycArticles database.

#### **TESTING AND EDUCATION REFERENCE CENTER (GALE)**

Sample listening questions. (2005). In P.N. Sullivan and G.A. Brenner(Eds.): *Master the TOEFL*. (pp. 37-64) Lawrenceville, NJ: Peterson. Retrieved from Gale:Testing and Education Reference Center database.