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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 *Factson File.com*, etc. It is crucial to provide your means of accessing the information-- the network address (URL) of the site, the name of the database you used, or the Digital Object Identifier (DOI—see explanation below) as these are the most efficient ways of finding the information again to review it.

BASIC FORMAT FOR A WEB PAGE

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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.
Retrieved month day, year from Address.

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>

BASIC FORMAT FOR AN ARTICLE FROM LIBRARY'S RESEARCH DATABASES

[Not all elements will necessarily be present. DOUBLE-SPACE between lines.]

Author's Last Name, Author's Initial(s). (year, month day of publication). Title of work.
Title of Complete Work, volume, (issue number), pages(s) or length of publication. Retrieved from Title of database OR doi: number.

A NOTE ABOUT RETRIEVAL DATES:

The retrieval date is ONLY needed when the content of a Web page is changeable or can be updated. Therefore, journal, newspaper, magazine articles and books do NOT need a retrieval date.

EXAMPLE

Travis, J. (2001, October 20). Dolly was lucky. *Science News*, 160, 250-253. Retrieved from EBSCOhost: Academic Search Premier database.

A NOTE ABOUT DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIERS

A Digital Object Identifier (doi) is a unique identifying number for an article. The APA recommends that when DOIs are available, you include them for both print and electronic sources. The DOI is usually found on the first page of an electronic source, right next to the

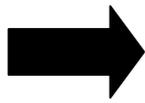
copyright notice or right after the “page” information in a citation. (see EXAMPLE below). The database title is not necessary when a DOI is supplied.

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

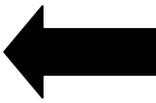
EXAMPLE

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.

CITING LIBRARY RESEARCH DATABASES: MORE EXAMPLES



To see examples of how to search some of our most popular databases, go to <http://guides.frederick.edu/writing?hs=a>, then in the box labeled “APA Citation Styles,” click on the tab, “Citing Sources,” then click on “APA Style for Library Databases.”



ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER ARTICLE (EBSCOHOST)

Treatment of social phobia. (1992, March). *American Family Physician*, 45, 1459-1460. Retrieved from EBSCOhost: Academic Search Premier database.

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*, L VII, 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 ARTICLE OR DOCUMENT

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

FILMS ON DEMAND VIDEO

Egypt: Behind the Revolution. (2011). Films Media Group. Retrieved from Films on Demand 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.

GALE LITERATURE REFERENCE SOURCE

- **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.] Tocatto. *Tocatto 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), *New York Times*, A6. Retrieved from ProQuest: New York Times Historical Edition database.

OVID NURSING COLLECTION

- **BOOKS**

Latex allergy. (2006). In Mills, E.J. (Ed.) Handbook of medical surgical nursing. (4th 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. Retrieved from OVID: Frederick Community College Nursing Journals database.

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.