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A Book: Single Author

Zuriff, G. E. (1985). *Behaviorism: A conceptual reconstruction*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Borowitz, S. (1999). *Farewell fossil fuels*. New York: Plenum Trade.

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An Edited Book with an Edition other than First

Steinhauer, P. D., & Rae-Grant, Q. (Eds.). (1983). *Psychological problems of the child in the family* (2nd ed.). New York: Basic Books.

A Book by a Corporate Author

American Psychiatric Association. (1994). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM IV* (4th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association.

An Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

Nicholson, M. (1983). Psychoanalysis and human nature. In I. Forbes & S. Smith (Eds.), *Politics and human nature* (pp. 103-115). New York: St. Martin's.

Books with No Author

The student's dictionary (4th ed.). (1992). New York: Wallace.

An Encyclopedia Article with Author

Jamison, L.R. (1994). The disappearing ozone layer. In R. Smith (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of ecology*. (vol.4, pp. 22-27). Chicago: Wiley.

An Encyclopedia Article with No Author

Expert witness. (2001). In R. E. Clark & J. F. Clark. *The Encyclopedia of child abuse* (2nd ed., pp. 81-82). NY: Facts on File.

References to Journal Articles

Journal Article, One Author

Allan, L. G. (1993). Human contingency judgments: Rule based or associative?
Psychological Bulletin, 114, 435-448.

Journal Article, Two to Six Authors:

List up to and including six authors, using last name first, then initials for the first and middle name. Use an ampersand (&) before the last author.

Shulam, S. & Kipins, O. (2001). Adolescent romantic relationships: A look from the future.
Journal of Adolescence, 24, 337-355.

Dixon, W. A., Heppner, P. P., Burnett, J. W., Anderson, W. P., & Wood, P. K. (1993).
Distinguishing among antecedents, concomitants, and consequences of problem-solving appraisal and depressive systems. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 40, 357-364.

Journal Article (Continuous Pagination)

Tillman, J. G. (1999). Psychosis as the sickness unto death: Treatment impasse, consultation, and resolution. *American Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 59, 119 –125.

Page numbers start with the first issue of the year and continue through the last issue. This may mean the issues are not numbered separately.

Journal Article (Journal Paginated by Issue)

Sawyer, J. (1996). Measurement and prediction, clinical and statistical. *Psychological Bulletin*. 66(3), 178 – 200.

Because pagination begins anew with each issue of this journal, it is necessary to include the issue number in parentheses after the volume number. Note that there is a comma between the issue number and the page numbers, but no comma between the italicized volume number and the issue number.

Monthly Magazine Article

Klinger, E. (1987, October). The power of dreams. *Psychology Today*, 36-44.

Weekly Magazine Article

Van Biema, D. (2001, September 24). What makes them tick? *Time*, p. 34.

An Editorial

Lansbury, R. D. & Baird, M. (May 2004). Editorial. *International Journal of Human Resource Management*, 15(3), 429-43.

References to Newspaper Articles and Government Publications

Newspaper Articles with Author

Graham, E. (1985, October 29). Dental-phobia specialists soothing fears with behavioral psychology. *The Wall Street Journal*, p.31.

Browne, M. W. (1985, July 30). Puzzling crystals plunge scientist into uncertainty. *New York Times*, pp. C3, C15

Newspaper Articles with No Author Identified

Swimmer killed by alligator in spring at a park in Florida. (1987, July 14). *New York Times*, p. A18.

A Government Publication

Reports available from the Government Printing Office National Institute of Mental Health. (1981). Depression disorders: Causes and treatment (DHHS Publication No. ADM 81-1081). Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office.

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Neuwirth, S. (n.d.). *Attention deficit disorder in children* (NIH Publication No. 96-3572).

Retrieved June 29, 2004 from <http://pediatrics.about.com/library/bladhd.htm>.

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An Article from an Online Database:

Stephens, J., Corey, J., Chapman, I. (Spring 2003). Between the lines: Reading and misreading student writers. *Journal of College Reading and Learning*, 33(2), 197-214. Retrieved May 27, 2004, from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

An Abstract from an Online Database:

Thomas, J. H., McDaniel, C. R. (2004). Effectiveness of a required course in career planning for psychology majors. *Teaching of Psychology*, 31(1), 22-27. Abstract retrieved June 28, 2004, from PsycInfo database.

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