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Author, A. A. (2000). *Title of Work*. Retrieved month day, year, from source.

## JOURNALS

### **Journal article, one author**

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

### **Journal article, two authors, journal paginated by issue**

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

### **Journal article, three to six authors**

Saywitz, K. J., Mannarino, A. P., Berliner, L., & Cohen J. A. (2000). Treatment for sexually abused children and adolescents. *American Psychologist*, 55, 1040-1049.

### **Journal article, more than six authors**

Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N, Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L., et al. (2000). An experimental evaluation of theory-based mother and mother-child programs for children of divorce. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 68, 843-856.

### **Magazine article**

Kandel, E. R., & Squire, L. R. (2000, November 10). Neuroscence: Breaking down scientific barriers to the study of brain and mind. *Science*, 290, 1113-1120.

### **Daily newspaper article, no author**

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (1993, July 15). *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

## **BOOKS**

### **An entire book**

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

### **Book, third edition, with Jr. in name**

Mitchell, T. R., & Larson, J. R., Jr. (1987). *People in organizations: An introduction to organizational behavior* (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

### **Edited book**

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

### **Book, no author or editor**

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

### **Book, revised edition**

Rosenthal, R. (1987). *Meta-analytic procedures for social research* (Rev. ed.). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

### **Article or chapter in an edited book**

Bjork, R. A. (1989). Retrieval inhibition as an adaptive mechanism in human memory. In H. L. Roediger III & F.I.M. Craik (Eds.) *Varieties of memory & consciousness* (pp.309-330), Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

## **Electronic Media**

### **Journal articles on the Internet**

VandenBos, G., Knapp, S., & Doe, J. (2001). Role of reference elements in the selection of resources by psychology undergraduates [Electronic version]. *Journal of Bibliographic Research*, 5, 117-123.

### **Document on the Internet**

*Electronic reference formats recommended by the American Psychological Association*. (2000, October 12.) Retrieved October 23, 2000, from <http://www.wpw.org/journals/webref.html>

### **U.S. government report available on government agency Web site, no publication date indicated**

United States Sentencing Commission. (n.d.) *1997 sourcebook of federal sentencing statistics*. Retrieved December 8, 1999, from <http://www.ussc.gov/annrpt/1997/sbtoc97.htm>

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