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Journal Articles

Basic Format

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article. *Name of Journal*,
Volume number(Issue number), Page numbers. doi:xx.xxxxxxxx

One to Two Authors

Cramer, K. M., & Neyedley, K. A. (1998). Sex differences in loneliness: The role of masculinity and femininity. *Sex Roles*, 38, 645-653. Retrieved from <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1023/A:1018850711372>

Three to Seven Authors

Hawkey, L. C., Browne, M. W., & Cacioppo, J. T. (2005). How can I connect with thee? Let me count the ways. *Psychological Science*, 16(10), 798- 804. doi:10.1111/j.1467-9280.2005.01617.x

Eight or More Authors

Juthani-Mehta, M., Rekeneire, N. D., Allore, H., Chen, S., O'Leary, J. R., Bauer, D. C., . . . Quagliarello, V. (2013). Modifiable risk factors for pneumonia requiring hospitalization of community-dwelling older adults: The health, aging, and body composition study. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 61(7), 1111–1118. doi:10.1111/jgs.12325

Article Titles

Only capitalize the first letter of the first word at the beginning of the title, directly after a punctuation mark, and for proper nouns.

DOI vs. URL

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8 or More Authors

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Books

Basic Format

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). *Title of the book*. City of Publisher,
State or Country of Publisher: Publisher Name.

Entire Books

Ward, C., Bochner, S., & Furnham, A. (2001). *The psychology of culture shock*. East Sussex, UK: Routledge.

▪ Chapters in Edited Books

Ward, C., & Kennedy, A. (1996). Crossing cultures: The relationship between psychological and socio-cultural dimensions of cross-cultural adjustment. In J. Pandey, D. Sinha, & D. P. S. Bhawuk (Eds.), *Asian contributions to cross-cultural psychology* (pp. 289-306). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Information from a Website

Basic Format

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of webpage. Retrieved from URL

▪ Website with Author and Date

Ratini, M. (2017, February 25). Things that can affect your medication. Retrieved from <https://www.webmd.com/drug-medication/ss/slideshow-affect-medication>

▪ No Author and No Date

Alzheimer's disease health center. (n.d.). Retrieved from <http://www.webmd.com/alzheimers/default.htm>

▪ Corporate Author and Date

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2015). Seasonal influenza: About flu. Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/index.htm>

Unique Types of Media

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1-2 Authors

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6 or more Authors

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No Author

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Do not place a period after "et" when using "et al."

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