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Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Date of publication). *Title in italics* (Edition, if given). Place of publication: Publisher.

Ogden, S. J. (2005). *Calculation of drug dosages* (7th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Mosby.

## Book – more than one author (List up to 6 authors. If more than six, list the first six followed by et. al.)

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces., Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces., & Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Date of publication). *Title* (Edition, if given).  
Place of publication: Publisher.

Clarke, P. B. & Linzey, A. (Eds.). (1996). *Dictionary of ethics, theology and society*.  
New York: Routledge.

### **Electronic book from NetLibrary**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Date of publication). *Title*.

Place of publication: Publisher. Retrieved Month Day, Year of retrieval from GALILEO, NetLibrary.

Anderson, A. (2005). *CliffsTestPrep NCLEX-PN*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.  
Retrieved June 2, 2008, from GALILEO, NetLibrary.

### **Work in an anthology / chapter in an edited book**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Date of publication).

Work or chapter title. In Editor's Initials separated by periods and spaces Editor's Last Name. (Ed.). *Title of Anthology* (Page numbers). Place of publication: Publisher.

Singh, K. (1994). Obstacles to women's rights in India. In R. J. Cook (Ed.). *Human rights of women: national and international perspectives* (pp. 375-396). Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

### **Newspaper article**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year, Month and Day of newspaper issue). Article Title. *Newspaper name*. Page numbers.

Dana, R. (2008, May 30). National Spelling Bee brings out protesters who r thru with through. *Wall Street Journal*. pp. A1, A12.

### **Newspaper article from online database**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year, Month and Day).

Article Title. *Newspaper name*. Page numbers. Retrieved Month Day, Year of access, from Database Name database.

White, J. (2008, May 25). Extended warranty coverage on cars may be problematic. *The Hartford Courant*. Retrieved June 2, 2008, from Newspaper Source database.

### **Magazine article**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year, Month Day of issue). Article Title. *Magazine name*, inclusive pages.

Goldsberry, C. (2008, April). Smart robotic cells. *Penton's Welding Magazine*, pp. 16-17.

### **Journal article with continuous pagination**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year of publication).

Article Title. *Journal name*, *Volume number*, inclusive pages.

Cardall, W. R., Rowan, R. C., & Bay, C. (2008). Dental education from the students' perspective: curriculum and climate. *Journal of Dental Education*, 72, 600-609.

### **Journal article (issues paged separately)**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year of publication).

Article Title. *Journal name*, *Volume number*(Issue Number), inclusive pages.

Gaffney, J. D. H., Richards, E., Kustus, M. B., Ding, L., & Beichener, R. J. (2008). Scaling up education reform. *Journal of College Science Teaching*, 37(5), 48-53.

### **Article from an online database**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year, Month Day of issue). Article Title. *Journal name*, *Volume number*(Issue Number), inclusive pages. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Name of Database.

O'Brien, J. L. (2008, April). Photons promise an exciting route to quantum computing. *Laser Focus World*, 44(4), 80-83. Retrieved June 2, 2008, from Career and Technical Education database.

### **Article from an online magazine**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year of publication). Article Title. *Name of magazine*, *Volume*, Retrieved Month Day, Year of access, from: URL of Website (**NOTE: no period after URL**)

Ludwick, R. & Silva, M. C. (2006). Ethics: what would you do? Ethics and infection control. *The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*, Retrieved June 2, 2008, from: <http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAMarketplace/ANAPeriodicals/OJIN.aspx>

### **Article from encyclopedia**

Author's Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year of Publication). Article Title. In *Encyclopedia Title*. (Volume Number, Inclusive Pages) Place of publication: Publisher.

Sayles, G. O. (2004) Elizabeth II. In *Encyclopedia Americana*. (Vol. 10, pp. 246-247) Danbury, CT: Scholastic Library Publishing.

### **Article from online encyclopedia**

Article Title. (Year of Publication). In *Encyclopedia Title*. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from Encyclopedia Name.

Elizabeth II. (2008). In *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Retrieved June 2, 2008. From GALILEO, Encyclopaedia Britannica Online.

### **Entire website**

*Title of Site*. (Date of electronic publication, if known, otherwise use n.d.). Retrieved Month Day, Year of access, from URL of website (**NOTE: No period after URL**)

*USAJOBS – The Federal Government’s Official Job Site*. (n.d.). Retrieved June 2, 2008, from: <http://www.usajobs.com/>

### **Web page within a larger website**

Author’s Last Name, Initials separated by periods and spaces. (Year of Publication).

*Article Title*. Retrieved Month Day, Year of access, from Title of Website: URL of website (**NOTE: No period after URL**)

Ward, E. M. (2007). *Osteoporosis diet dangers: foods to avoid*. Retrieved June 2, 2008 from WebMD: <http://www.webmd.com/>

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Work by one author: (Ogden, 2005)

Work by multiple authors: (Clarke & Linzey, 1996)

Work with no author listed: ("Elizabeth II", 2008)