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**EXAMPLE:** The structure of advertising is changing in newspaper groups because “as more and more of their potential customers connect through high-speed, always-on broadband” (Nicholas & Rowlands, 2008, p. 145), clients are wanting more advertising dollars diverted to online channels.

- For online material without page numbers use author, year, and paragraph number if visible or headings if paragraph numbers are not visible.

**EXAMPLE:** Matt Kaplan (2008) explains that “Troodon and several other theropods had relatively large clutches, similar to those of a number of modern bird species like emus and rheas” (Eggstraordinary Care, para. 7).

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**EXAMPLE:** The Ohio State University study suggests that “children who grow-up in single-mother households have problems not so much because of the lack of a father, but because of the lack of a second parent and because single mothers are more likely to be disadvantaged in terms of income” (“Debate Over a Father’s,” 2007, p. 8).

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### PRINT BOOKS

Author, First initials. (Year). *Title of the work*. Location: Publisher.

- **Book, One Author**  
Hay, L. L. (1995). *Life! Reflections on your journey*. Carson, CA: Hay House.
- **Book Two Authors**  
Jackson, P., & Delehanty, H. (1995). *Sacred hoops: Spiritual lessons of a hardwood warrior*. New York, NY: Hyperion.
- **Book with Editor**  
Kahle, C. F., (Ed.). (1974). *Plate tectonics – Assessments and reassessments*. Tulsa, OK: American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

## References continued

- **Book Chapter**

Laming, C. J. (2006). Shedding violent expressions of anger constructively. In P. Cummins (Ed.), *Working with anger: A constructivist approach* (pp. 25–44). West Sussex, England: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

- **Book Chapter in a Series**

Soper, K. (2009). The western lifestyle threatens the environment and human well-being. In L. I. Gerdes (Ed.), *Opposing Viewpoints: The environment* (pp. 116–122).

- **Reference Book - Dictionary**

Stetzenbach, L. D., & Yates, M. V. (2003). *The dictionary of environmental microbiology*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

- **Entry in a Specialized Reference Book (Encyclopedia, Specialized, No Author Given)**

Alzheimer's disease. (2006). In *Encyclopedia of disability* (Vol. 1, pp. 91–93). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

### PERIODICAL PRINT PUBLICATIONS (Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers)

Author last name, first initials. (Year). Title of article. *Title of the periodical*. Volume, pages.

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- **Scholarly Journal Article**

Gorman, E. H. (1999). Bringing home the bacon: Marital allocation of income-earning responsibility, job shifts, and men's wages. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 61(1), 110-122.

- **Magazine Article**

Eisenbert, D. (1999, March 22). Eyeing the competition. *Time*, 153(11), 58-60.

- **Newspaper Article**

Zjawinski, S. (2009, June 4). Unnecessary tech: Panasonic's portable blu-ray player. *New York Times*, p. B9.

### WEB PUBLICATIONS

(Webpages, Articles in databases, and Articles from the web, Ebooks)

**Note:** For more about citing articles retrieved from electronic databases, see pages 187-192 of the Publication Manual.

- **Journal Article without DOI**

Covey, M. (2007). Introduction: Work and Families. *Michigan Family Review*, 12(1), 1–6. Retrieved from <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.4919087.0012.101>.

- **Journal Article with DOI, more than Seven Authors**

Scholz, J., Mannion, R. J., Hord, D. E., Griffin, R. S., Rawal, B., Zheng, H., . . . Wolf, C. J. (2009). A novel tool for the assessment of pain: Validation in low back pain. *PLoS Medicine*, 6, 1–16. doi: 10.1371/journal.pmed.1000047

- **Electronic Version of a Book from an Electronic Database**

Hatfield, K. (2003). *Heartland Heroes: Remembering World War II*. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com/>

- **Magazine Article from a Database**

Alonzo, V. (1998, July). Workers need their space. *Incentive*, 172(7), 9.

- **Web Document or Web Page**

Clyman, J. (2010). Friday night lights: Positive institutions and contagious happiness. Retrieved from <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/reel-therapy/201001/friday-night-lights-positive-institutions-and-contagious-happiness>.