

APA Style - Citing Electronic Resources

Herkimer County Community College Quick Reference Guide

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Date Retrieved			Full Article URL			

Conrad, J. (1950). *Heart of darkness*. New York: New American Library. (Original work published 1902). Retrieved July 26, 2005, from <http://www.hti.umich.edu/cgi/p/pd-modeng/pd-modeng-idx?type=header&id=ConraHeart>

Flaws, B. (1999). *160 Essential Chinese herbal patent medicines*. Boulder, CO: Blue Poppy Press. Retrieved December 12, 2004, from <http://www.netlibrary.com>

ONLINE (INTERNET) – ONLY PERIODICAL ARTICLES

Article based on a printed journal, but not part of a database:

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

Article from a journal or magazine, or e-zine published only on the Web:

Aula, A., & Kaki, M. (2005, July 4). Less is more in Web search interfaces for older adults. *First Monday*, 10(7). Retrieved July 26, 2005, from http://www.firstmonday.org/issues/issue10_7/aula/index.html

Daily newspaper article:

Mubarak, E. (2005 July 3). Young talents bloom at house of artists. *Arab News*. Retrieved August 26, 2005, from <http://www.arabnews.com>

PERIODICAL ARTICLES FROM DATABASES

Use the following format:

Author, A. A., & Author C. C. (Year). Title of the article. *Title of the Periodical*, volume number(issue number), beginning page number-ending page number. Retrieved month date, year from Database Name database.

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Journal Title (in italics)		Volume	Page Numbers	Date Retrieved	Database Name

Briggs, C. S., & Castellano, T. C. (2003). The effect of supermaximum prisons on aggregate levels of institutional violence. *Criminology*, 41, 1341-1377. Retrieved July 21, 2005, from Criminal Justice Periodicals database.

Newspaper Databases:

Smith, J. (2003, August 27). Automakers are a model of competition. *StarLedger News*, p. 21. Retrieved July 25, 2005, from Custom Newspapers database.

WEB SITES

Citing internet resources accurately can be tricky because there are so many different types of web-based documents used in research. For a detailed explanation of how to cite electronic media, consult the *Publication Manual of the APA*, chapter 4.16, section I or consult the [Electronic References](http://www.apastyle.org/eleceref.html) page (<http://www.apastyle.org/eleceref.html>) of the APA Style Web site. For Web sites with no date, use (n.d.).

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Web page with an author:

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Web page with no author:

International Snowmobile Manufacturer's Association. (n.d.). *Safe riders! Love this planet*. Retrieved February 23, 2004, from <http://www.snowmobile.org>

Chapter or section of a Web document:

Wagner, R. (2005, July 14). Quick assembly. In *Moving mountains at Cabela's* (page 2). Retrieved August 1, 2005, from <http://gmj.gallup.com/content/default.asp?ci=16972>

Personal Web site or Blog:

Chianca, P. (2005, March 30). *The atlargeblog*. Retrieved June 8, 2005, from <http://chianca-at-large.blogspot.com>

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- <http://wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/Documentation.html>
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