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Books

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Gillespie, Paula and Neal Lerner. *The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Allyn, 2000.

Work in an Anthology

Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*, edited by Editor's Name(s), Publisher, Year, Page range of entry.

Example:

Atwood, Margaret. "Variation on Word Sleep." *America's Favorite Poems*, edited by Robert Pinsky, W.W. Norton & Company, 1999. p.12.

Print Periodicals

Article in Scholarly Journal

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Volume, Issue, Year, Page range of entry.

Example:

Bagchi, Alaknanda. "Conflicting Nationalisms: The Voice of the Subaltern in Mahasweta Devi's Bashai Tudu." *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*, vol. 15, no. 1, 1996, pp. 41-50.



Electronic Sources

Page from a Website

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). "Name of Webpage." *Name of Website*.
Version number, date of resource creation (if available), URL, DOI or
permalink. Date of access (if a web page has no publication date, add an access
date instead).

Example:

Frederick, Anthony. "Why Kindergartners Are Better Creative Thinkers Than Graduate Students."
Psychology Today. 24 September 2021, www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/creative-insights/202109/why-kindergartners-are-better-creative-thinkers-graduate-students.

Article from an Online Database

Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, contributors or/and
editors, Version, Number (vol. and/or no.), Publisher, date of publication,
location, Page range of entry. Date accessed (if a web page has no publication
date, add an access date instead).

Example:

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *Historical Journal*,
vol. 50, no. 1, 2007, pp. 173-96. *ProQuest*, doi: 10.1017/S0018246X06005966.

Online-Only Scholarly Journal

Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, contributors or/and
editors, Version, Number (vol. and/or no.), Publisher, date of publication,
location, Date assessed (optional).

Example:

Dolby, Nadine. "Research in Youth Culture and Policy: Current Conditions and Future
Directions." *Social Work and Society: The International Online- Only Journal*, vol. 6, no. 2,
2008, www.socwork.net/sws/article/view/60/362. Accessed 20 May 2009.



YouTube Video

"Title of Video." Website, uploaded by Username, Day Month Year, URL.

Example:

Newsom, Joanna. "'Sapokanikan' (Official Video)." YouTube, uploaded by Drag City, 10 Aug. 2015,
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky9Ro9pP2gc.

Journal Article in PDF

Last name, First name. "Article Title." Journal Name, vol. Volume, no. Issue, Month
Year, pp. Pages, DOI or URL. PDF file or PDF download.

Example:

McCabe, David P., and Castel, Alan D. "Seeing Is Believing: The Effect of Brain Images on Judgements
of Scientific Reasoning." *Cognition*, vol. 107, no. 1, pp. 343–352,
castel.bol.ucla.edu/publications/McCabeCastelCogn.pdf.

Lecture

Speaker last name, First name. "Lecture Title." Course or Event Name, Day Month Year,
Venue, City

Example:

Dent, Gina. "Anchored to the Real: Black Literature in the Wake of Anthropology." *Moving Together:
Activism, Art, and Education*, 16 May 2018, The Black Archives, Amsterdam.

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