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Most non-periodical entries use the following format:

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BOOKS BY ONE AUTHOR

Winterowd, W. R. (1992). *Contemporary rhetoric: A conceptual background*. New York: Harcourt.

SUBSEQUENT BOOKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR (arrange by date)

Robertson, D. (1985). *A dictionary of modern politics*. Philadelphia: Taylor & Francis.

Robertson, D. (2004). *A dictionary of human rights*. London: Europa.

BOOKS BY TWO TO SEVEN AUTHORS

Witte, P. & Faigley, L. (1983). *Evaluating college writing programs*. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press.

Appleby, J., Hunt, L., & Jacob, M. (1994). *Telling the truth about history*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

MORE THAN SEVEN AUTHORS

Picton, T.W., Benton, S., Berg, P., Donchin, E., Hillyard, S.A., Johnson, R.J., ... Taylor, M.J. (2000)

BOOKS WITH AND EDITOR

Demers, P. (Ed.). (2004). *From instruction to delight: An anthology of children's literature to 1850*. (2nd ed.). Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press Canada.

ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE WORK

Bergman, P. G. (1993). Relativity. In *The new encyclopedia britannica* (Vol. 26, pp. 501-508). Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica.

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Rickerts, J. (1994). Homelessness: The reality. *Sociology Digest*, 92, 108-112.

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Snell, M. (1983). Anger in the classroom. *Education Today*, 13(2), 43-47.

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Van Biema, D. (1994, March 21). Parodies regained. *Time*, 46-48.

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Lohr, S. (2004 December 3). Health care technology is a promise unfinanced. *The New York Times*, p. C5.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Carter, R. (200, July). Shot in the dark? [Letter to the editor]. *Scientific American*, 283(1), 8.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

Nonarchived personal communications (personal interviews, private letters, memos, emails, etc.) are not included in the reference list. However, they are cited in the text:

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Veerman, P. & Sand C. (1999). Religion and children's rights. *International Journal of Children's Rights*, 7(4), 385-393. doi: 10.1163/15718189920494453

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Irvine, L. (1988). Murder and mayhem: Margaret Atwood deconstructs. *Contemporary Literature*, 29(2), 265-76.

ARTICLE IN THE ERIC DATABASE WITHOUT A DOI

Ntiri, D. W. (2009). Toward a functional and culturally salient definition of literacy. *Adult Basic Education and Literacy Journal*, 3(2), 97-104. Retrieved from ERIC database. (EJ845840)

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Rococo style. (2007) In *Encyclopedia Britannica online*. Retrieved from <http://www.britannica.com>

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Cohen, N. (2009, August 30). Wikipedia looks hard at its culture. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

ON-LINE BOOK

Abbott, J. (1858) *Rollo in Paris*. Retrieved from <http://books.google.com/books>

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One work by five or more authors	Wilson, Smith, Hanley, Boo, and Kuehl (2007)	Wilson et al. (2007)	(Wilson, Smith, Hanley, Boo, & Kuehl, 2007)	(Wilson et al., 2007)
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Groups (including abbreviations) as authors	American Psychological Association (APA 2009)	APA (2009)	(American Psychological Association [APA], 2009)	(APA, 2009)
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- Cite groups with no recognizable abbreviations by citing full name of the group, followed by the year of publication in parenthesis, both in first and in subsequent citations.

Example:

Dayton (1994) provides numerous psychodrama techniques and activities in a sensitive manner throughout her book.

IF YOU USE A DIRECT QUOTATION OR PARAPHRASE, YOU MUST ADD THE PAGE NUMBER.

Example:

Dayton (1994) explains that "The mirror technique can be powerful for the protagonists who are unable to tolerate the intensity of playing themselves in a drama, who need to feel one step removed in order to feel safe" (p. 71).

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- Cite the name in full of groups with no recognizable abbreviation, followed by a comma, then the year of publication, both in first and in subsequent citations.

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Example:

"The mirror technique can be powerful for the protagonists who are unable to tolerate the intensity of playing themselves in a drama, who need to feel one step removed in order to feel safe" (Dayton, 1994, p. 71).

BLOCK QUOTATIONS

A single quotation consisting of 40 words or more is displayed in a freestanding block of text.

The quotation is indented ½ inch from the left margin. Also, omit the double quotation marks when using the block format.

Example:

Dayton (2007) explains the following:

Psychodrama provides a safe environment in which painful stored material can be released within a clinical structure. Feelings that have been jammed down so that they are out of sight, but never completely out of mind, float up to the present. Psychodramatic action acts as the trigger, and the feeling becomes the conduit toward the illumination of the material that needs to be examined. (p. 2)

Reference for the examples:

Dayton, T. 1994. *The drama within: Psychodrama and experiential therapy*. Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications.

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