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The proliferation of home VCRs meant that "by the mid-1980s features shot directly on video were the standard" (Thomas, 2001, p.2).

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According to a 2008 media study, "Perhaps the most direct effect that screen violence has on children is that it makes them more aggressive, both in behavior and in attitude" (Grossman & Degaetano, 1999, p. 26).

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Wasserstein et al. (1994) found that ...

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Group author (government agency). (Publication year). *Title* (edition – if there is one). Place of publication: Publisher. (When the author and publisher are identical, use the word Author as the name of the publisher.)

Australian Bureau of Statistics. (1991). *Estimated resident population by age and sex in statistical local areas. New South Wales, June 1990* (No. 3209.1). Canberra, Australian Capital Territory: Author.

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Title (Edition - if there is one). (Publication year). Place of publication: Publisher.

Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary (10th ed.). (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

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Baker, F. M., & Lightfoot, O. B. (1993). Psychiatric care of ethnic elders. In A. C. Gaw (Ed.), *Culture, ethnicity, and mental illness* (pp. 517-552). Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Press.

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Sadie, S. (Ed.). (1980). *The new Grove dictionary of music and musicians* (6th ed., Vols. 1-20). London: Macmillan.

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Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year, Month day of publication). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper in italics*, Section Page Number.

Carey, B. (2007, January 23). Do you believe in magic? *New York Times*, p. 1.

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Capacity for exercise can help determine life span, study finds. (2002, March 14). *The New York Times* [National edition], p. A25

Citing a Magazine Article

Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year, Month day of publication). Title of article. *Title of Magazine in italics, volume number in italics* (issue number), page numbers.

Samuelson, R. J. (2004, January 5). A global glut of greenbacks. *Newsweek*, 143(2), 31, 35-36.

Citing a Journal Article

Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Publication year). Title of article. *Title of Journal in italics, Volume Number in italics*, page numbers.

Klimoski, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, 45(2), 10-36.

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Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year of Publication). *Title of the book in italics*. Place of Publication: Name of Publisher. Retrieved Month day, year, from Name of database.

Coltrain, S. (1996). *Family man: Fatherhood, housework, and gender equity*. New York: Oxford. Retrieved February 7, 2003, from NetLibrary database.

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Okon, K., Szumera, A., & Kuzniewski, M. (2003). Are CD34+ cells found in renal interstitial fibrosis? *American Journal of Nephrology*, 23(6), 409-14. Retrieved November 28, 2003, from ProQuest database.

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Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year, Month of publication). Title of article. *Title of Magazine in italics, Volume number (Issue number), page numbers.* Day Month Year of Publication: Page Numbers. Retrieved Month day, year, from Name of database.

Pace, A. K. (2003, October). Relative relevance. *Computers in Libraries*, 23(9), 35-37. Retrieved November 28, 2003, from ProQuest database.

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Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year, Month day of publication). Title of article. *Title of the Newspaper italicized (Edition, if given), Page numbers.* Retrieved Month day, year, from Name of database.

Brody, J. E. (2007, February 20). Out of control: A true story of binge eating. *New York Times (Late Edition (east Coast))*, p. 7. Retrieved February 21, 2007, from ProQuest database.

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