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Quotations

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According to Kramer (2009, p. 51), Haydn's idea that a name is a reflection of a thing's essence can be traced back to Plato.

"Relative to the animal literature, fewer studies have assessed the relationship of endogenous or exogenous androgens to aggression or violent behavior in humans" (Bahrke, 2007, p. 358).

Entire Book with a Single Author or Editor

Vincent, A. (2008). *Voluntary madness: My year lost and found in the loony bin*. New York, NY: Viking.

In text: (Kessler, 2008)

Travers, M. W. (1901). *The experimental study of gases*. Retrieved from <http://books.google.com>

In text: (Travers, 1901)

Mendelsohn, E. (Ed.). (2008). *Jews and the sporting life*. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press.

In text: (Mendelsohn, 2008)

Notes:

- Only use initials for the given names of authors.
- Titles of books are in sentence case and italicized.
- If the book is accessed online, provide a URL.

Entire Book with Multiple Authors or Editors

Alsop, S., Bencze, L., & Pedretti, E. (Eds.). (2005). *Analyzing exemplary science teaching: Theoretical lenses and a spectrum of possibilities for practice*. Retrieved from <http://www.ebrary.com>

In text, first time: (Alsop, Bencze, & Pedretti, 2005)

In text, thereafter: (Alsop et al., 2005)

Adams, T. L., & Smith, S. A. (Eds.). (2008). *Electronic tribes: The virtual world of geeks, gamers, shamans, and scammers*. Austin: University of Texas Press.

In text: (Adams & Smith, 2008)

Notes:

- 2 authors – Cite both names in text every time.
- 3-5 authors – List all names in the first in-text citation; use the first author and “et al.” in all subsequent citations.
- 6 or more authors – Use the surname of the first author with “et al.” for all in-text citations.
- Avoid redundant geographic information. If the book is from the University of Texas Press, you don't need to specify that Austin is in Texas.

Chapter in a Book

Bahrke, M. S. (2007). Psychological effects of endogenous testosterone and anabolic-androgenic steroids. In D. Smith & M. Bar-Eli (Eds.), *Essential reading in sport and exercise psychology*. (pp. 356-371). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

In text: (Bahrke, 2007)

Van der Peer, Y., & Meyer, A. (2005). Large-scale gene and ancient genome duplications. In T. R. Gregory (Ed.), *The evolution of the genome*. (pp. 329-368). doi:10.1016/B978-012301463-4/50008-5

In text: (Van der Peer & Meyer, 2005)

Notes:

- The title of the book is italicized; the chapter title is not.
- In the case of an online edition, the publisher information is replaced by a DOI, if available.

Entry in a Reference Book

Schrödinger's theory of wave mechanics. (2008). In R. E. Krebs (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of scientific principles, laws, and theories* (pp. 496-497). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

In text: ("Schrödinger's theory," 2005)

Feingold, H. L. (2001). American Jewry. In L. Walter (Ed.), *Holocaust encyclopedia* (pp. 1-6). Retrieved from <http://www.ebrary.com>

In text: (Feingold, 2001)

Note: If no author is listed for the entry, the title of the entry begins the citation and a short version of the title is used in the in text citation.

Journal Article

Kramer, L. (2009). Recalling the sublime: The logic of creation in Haydn's *Creation*. *Eighteenth-century Music* 6(1), 41-57.

In text: (Kramer, 2009)

De Koning-Ward, T. F., Gilson, P. R., Boddey, J. A., Rug, M., Smith, B. J., Papenfuss, A. T., ... Crabb, B.S. (2009). A newly discovered protein export machine in malaria parasites. *Nature* 450, 945-949. doi:10.1038/nature08104

In text: (De Koning-Ward et al., 2009)

Clark, D. L. & Wilson, M. V. (2003). Post-dispersal seed fates of four prairie species. *American Journal of Botany* 90, 730-735. Retrieved from <http://www.amjbot.org>

In text: (Clark & Wilson, 2003).

Notes:

- When each issue of a periodical starts at p. 1, include the issue number after the volume number in parentheses. Otherwise, only the volume number is necessary.
- Journal names and volume numbers are italicized.
- In cases where there are more than seven authors, list the first six, followed by an ellipsis and the name of the last author.
- Provide a DOI if one is available.
- If you accessed the source electronically and no DOI is available, provide the URL for the journal homepage (NOT the database where you found the article).

Newspaper Article

Menn, J. (2009, August 25). Yahoo shows will to fight Microsoft. *The Financial Times*. Retrieved from <http://proquest.umi.com>

In text: (Menn, 2009)

Quenqua, D. (2009, August 1). Dude, you are so (not) Obama. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

In text: (Quenqua, 2009)

Notes:

- Provide full date, not just year.
- Provide URL from which the article was retrieved. Use the homepage URL to avoid dead links.

Web Sites

Hand, B. (n.d.). *All about artificial sweeteners: The lowdown on zero-calorie sugar substitutes*. Retrieved from <http://www.sparkpeople.com>

In text: (Hand, n.d.)

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