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2383840.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Note: Use a + after the page number, if a newspaper article jumps to a nonconsecutive page.

Print newspaper article

Davenport, Christian. "NASA's New Spaceplane is Getting Ready to Take Flight." Washington Post, AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE NEWSPAPER NAME

late ed, 15 July 2003, A12. EDITION DATE SECTION/PAGE

Newspaper article from a library database

Hilts, Philip. J. "In Forecasting Their Emotions, Most People Flunk Out." New York Times, AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE NEWSPAPER NAME

late ed, 6 Feb. 1999, F2. LexisNexis,

EDITION DATE SECTION/PAGE DATABASE NAME

www.lexisnexis.com/lnacui2api/results/shared/controller/permalink.do. DOI or DATABASE URL

Newspaper article from a newspaper Web site

Hilts, Philip. J. "In Forecasting Their Emotions, Most People Flunk Out." New York Times, AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE NEWSPAPER NAME

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WEB SITES

Non-periodical Web site article with no author

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. "World Fisheries Must Prepare for Climate AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE

Change." Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations Newsroom, Mar. 2009.

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DATE

Food and Agriculture Organization, http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/10270/icode/.
WEB SITE SPONSOR WEBSITE URL

Accessed 14 Apr. 2009. DATE ACCESSED

Non-periodical Web article that also appears in print (pdf documents)

Snyder, Howard N. "Law Enforcement and Juvenile Crime." National Criminal Justice Reference
AUTHOR NAME OVERALL WEB SITE TITLE

Service, 2001. Dept. of Justice. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, DATE WEB SITE SPONSOR

https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/191031.pdf.

Video Posting

Norton, Richard. How to Train a Cat to Operate a Light Switch. Uploaded by Fahad Al-Mansour, 4 AUTHOR/PRODUCER TITLE POSTED BY/UPLOADED BY

Nov. 2006. *YouTube*, https://youtu.be/IkMOd9PVuKg. Accessed 19 May 2009. DATE POSTED WEB SITE NAME VIDEO URL DATE RETRIEVED

PRINT MAGAZINE AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

Magazine article

Csikszentmihalyi, Mihaly. "The Creative Personality." *Psychology Today*, vol. 29, no. 4, July-Aug. AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE JOURNAL TITLE VOLUME ISSUE DATE

1996, pp. 36-40.

Journal article

Brueggeman, Brenda Jo, and Debra A. Moddelmog. "Coming-Out Pedagogy: Risking Identity in AUTHORS ARTICLE TITLE

Language and Literature Classrooms." *Pedagogy*, vol. 2, no. 3, 2002, pp. 311-35.

JOURNAL TITLE | DATE PAGE NUMBERS VOLUME ISSUE

BOOKS

One author

Greenhouse, Steven. The Big Squeeze: Tough Time for the American Worker. Alfred K. Knopf, 2008.

BOOK TITLE

PUBLISHER

DATE

Two or more authors (up to three)

Broer, Lawrence R., and Gloria Holland. *Hemingway and Women: Female Critics and*AUTHORS
BOOK TITLE

the Female Voice. U. of Alabama P, 2002.
PUBLISHER DATE

Edited book

Note: Notice abbreviation of "Press" to "P" in the publisher name.

Swarts, Katherine, editor. *The Aging Population*. Greenhaven P, 2009.

EDITORS NAME

BOOK TITLE

PUBLISHER

DATE

Chapter in an edited book

Netherton, Dale. "Addiction is a Choice, Not a Disease." *Addiction*, edited by Christina Fisanick, CHAPTER AUTHOR CHAPTER TITLE BOOK TITLE BOOK EDITOR

Greenhaven P, 2009, pp. 27-42. PUBLISHER DATE PAGES

ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Entire electronic book

Ali, Syed Mohammed. The Position of Women in Islam: A Progressive View. SUNY P, 2004.

AUTHOR E-BOOK TITLE PUBLISHER DATE

State University of New York Digital Repository, http://ezproxy.librarylinks.morrisville.edu:2048

DATABASE RETRIEVED FROM

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Electronic book chapter

Cassell, Justine. "Nudge, Nudge, Wink, Wink: Elements of Face-to-Face Conversation for CHAPTER AUTHOR CHAPTER TITLE

Embodied Conversational Agents." Embodied Conversational Agents, edited by Justine Cassell, E-BOOK TITLE E-BOOK EDITORS

et al, MIT P, 2000, pp. 1-27. *NetLibrary*, http://ezproxy.librarylinks.morrisville.edu:2048/login? PUBLISHER DATE PAGE NUMBERS DATABASE

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Candon, Bill, director. Gods and Monsters. 1998. Performance by Ian McKellen, Lions Gate, 2004.

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