

ARTICLES IN DATABASES FROM MAGAZINES -- CITATION RULES

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Article citations contain different elements depending on the type of periodical (magazine, journal, newspaper, online, etc.). **The following rules and examples apply to magazine articles found in databases.**

Citations for magazine articles that you get from library databases can include the following elements. The citation includes publication information plus a retrieval statement. See the APA handbook for more details.

- Use double spacing with hanging indent.
- **Author's name** (last name, initials) -- If there's more than one author, follow the name with a comma and ampersand (, &).
 - ~ Additional authors are listed in the same manner (last name, initials).
 - ~ **For more than six authors, list the first six and abbreviate the others as et al.**
 - ~ Do not put a period after author entries when initials are used. Put a period after group or corporate authors.
 - ~ If no author is given, start the entry with the item's title -- followed by a period.
- **Exact date of publication** (monthlies = year, month; weeklies = year, month day) -- in parentheses, followed by a period.
 - ~ If no date is available, use n.d. in parentheses.
 - ~ Write in press in parentheses for articles that have been accepted, but are not yet published.
Do not use a date until the article has been published.
- **Title of the article** -- followed by a period if additional identifying information is not given.
 - ~ Capitalize the first word of a title, the first word of a subtitle, and all proper nouns.
 - ~ Do not italicize or put quotation marks around the title.
- **Additional information** that helps identify and retrieve the article (i.e. abstract, special issue, and letter to the editor) -- in brackets, followed by a period.
 - ~ Capitalize only the first word of the identifying information. For example, [Letter to the editor]
- **Title of the magazine** (italicized) -- followed by a comma.
 - ~ Use the magazine's full title.
 - ~ Use upper and lower case for the title (capitalize first, last, and all major words).
- **Volume number** (italicized) -- followed by a comma.
 - ~ Do not use Vol. before the number.
 - ~ Do not use the issue number.
 - ~ **If no volume number is given, the inclusion of the exact date of publication takes care of this omission.**
- **Inclusive page numbers for the article** -- followed by a period.
- **Retrieval statement** -- followed by a period.
 - ~ Content = Retrieved Date, from Database Name database. (Ex. Retrieved December 7, 2008, from CINAHL database.)
 - ~ An item or accession number can also be listed, but is not required. If desired, put it in parentheses at the end.

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Example Citations and Reference List

Blaufuss, D. (2008, February). Music thrives at Jackson High. *The Instrumentalist*, 62, 16-20, 59-60.

Retrieved July 1, 2008 from Academic Search Complete database.

Forbes, S. (2007, December 10). Mob rule. *Forbes*, 180, 27. Retrieved December 7, 2008 from Business & Company Resource Center database.

Mehta, P. B. (1998, June 6). Exploding myths. *The New Republic*, 218, 17-19. Retrieved December 7, 2005 from Academic Search Complete database.

Morgan, Y. (2005, July). Kosher camping: How to "rough it" and enjoy every camping minute. *Kashrus Magazine*, 25, 34-36. Retrieved December 15, 2008 from CINAHL with Full Text database.

Summerfield, B. (2007, November). How to avoid course overload. *Certification magazine*, 9, 10. Retrieved December 12, 2008 from Computers & Applied Sciences Complete database.

NOTE: The Blaufuss article appears on discontinuous pages, so all page ranges are given and are separated with a comma. When an article does not give a volume number, the date indicator (year, month day) takes care of that omission.