

## ARTICLES IN DATABASES FROM NEWSPAPERS -- CITATION RULES

*\*Red = rules/notes of special interest*

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

**Citations for newspaper articles 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 newspaper** (italicized) -- followed by a comma.
  - ~ Use the newspaper'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.
  - ~ Precede page number with p. (for articles of 1 page or less) or pp. (for articles over 1 page long).
  - ~ Include section letter if available. Convert Roman numeral section letters to equivalent alphabetic letters. (i.e. III=C)
- **Retrieval statement** – followed by a period.
  - ~ Content = Retrieved Date, from Database Name database. (Ex. Retrieved December 7, 2008, from JSTOR database.)
  - ~ An item or accession number can also be listed, but is not required. If desired, put it in parentheses at the end.

## ARTICLES IN DATABASES FROM NEWSPAPERS – EXAMPLES

### Example Citations and Reference List

Frazier, M., & Okada, B. (2008, January 17). UFO fervor has spread beyond Stephenville. *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, p. B1. Retrieved October 5, 2008, from NewsBank database.

Greeley, A. (1987, May 17). Today's morality play: The sitcom [Late edition]. *The New York Times*, pp. B1, B40. Retrieved June 6, 2000, from LexisNexis Academic database.

Nervous robber accidentally shoots himself in the mouth [State final edition]. (1986, January 15). *Houston Chronicle*, p. A17. Retrieved July 7, 2008, from NewsBank database.

Tucker, C. (1987, May 21). Education stays on top of Southerners' agenda. *The Atlanta Constitution*, p. A19. Retrieved December 20, 2008, from NewsBank database.

**NOTE:** The "Nervous robber" article has no listed author; therefore, the entry begins with the article title. When additional information is needed in entries that begin with titles, insert the information before the date of publication.

When an article does not give a volume number, the date indicator (year, month day) takes care of that omission.