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Nathan, Alfred J. China's Crisis: Dilemmas of Reform and Prospects for Democracy. New York: Columbia UP, 1990.

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Ross, Carol S., and Peter Dewdney. Communicating Professionally: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Library Applications. New York: Neal-Schuman, 1998.

Marquart, John W., Sally E. Olson, and Jamie R. Sorensen. The Rope, the Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990. Austin: U of Texas P, 1994.

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"Relativity." Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1988.

The Holy Bible. Authorized (King James) Version. New York: Harper, 1954.

➤ **Corporate author**

American Hospital Association. American Hospital Association Guide to the Health Care Field. Chicago: American Hospital Association, 1993.

➤ **Edited**

Williams, John, ed. Money: A History. New York: St. Martin's, 1997.

Mitchell, Thomas R., and James Larson, Jr., eds. People in Organizations: An Introduction to Organizational Behavior. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: McGraw, 1987.

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Inge, Michael T., ed. Handbook of American Popular Culture. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Vol. 103. New York: Greenwood, 1989. 200 vols.

➤ **Essay, chapter, or article in a collection (e.g., *Opposing Viewpoints*)**

Massaro, Donald. "Broadening the Domain of the Fuzzy Logical Model of Perception." Cognition: Conceptual and Methodological Issues. Ed. Harold L. Pick, Jr., Peter van den Broek, and Danielle C. Knill. Washington, DC: APA, 1992. 51-84.

Loos, Robert. "Hunting Animals is Morally Acceptable." Conservationist (1993, November): 10-15.  
Rpt. in Animal Rights: Opposing Viewpoints. Ed. Alice Harnack. San Diego: Greenhaven, 1996.  
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## magazine, newspaper and journal articles

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➤ **Popular magazine**

Frank, Michael. "The Wild, Wild West." Architectural Digest 50 (June 1993): 180-185, 193.

"The Decade of the Spy." Newsweek 123 (7 Mar. 1994): 26-27.

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Cole, Thomas B. "Case Management for Domestic Violence." Journal of the American Medical Association 282 (1999): 513-514.

Cage, Nathan. "Organizing the Internet for the Millennium." Journal of Internet Research and Instruction 9.3 (1999): 56-68.

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Trachtenberg, Johann A. "What's in a Movie Soundtrack? Catchy Tunes and Big Business." Wall Street Journal 10 Apr. 1994, eastern ed.: B1.

"Southpaws: Today, Think of Those with a Different Side." Editorial. The Detroit Free Press 13 Aug. 1999: 10A.

➤ **Book Review**

Schillinger, Laura. "Arbor Days." Rev. of Life in the Treetops: Adventures of a Woman in Field Biology, by Margaret Lowman. The New York Times Book Review 104 (8 Aug. 1999): 4.

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Kerr, Joanne. Shakespeare's Flowers. Boulder, CO: Johnson Books, 1997. netLibrary. DABCC Library, Las Cruces, NM. 6 Mar. 2001  
<<http://www.netLibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=60>>.

➤ **Online database**

Amatori, Francisco. "European Business: New Strategies, Old Structures." Foreign Policy 115 (Summer 1999): 78-89. ProQuest. DABCC Library, Las Cruces, NM. 30 June 1999  
<<http://proquest.umi.com/login>>.

Cooper, Michael H. "The Politics of Energy." CQ Researcher 9 (5 Mar. 1999): 185-208. DABCC Library, Las Cruces, NM. 9 Mar. 1999 <<http://library2.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/>>.

"Madonna." Celebrity Biographies (1998) Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe. New Mexico State University Library, Las Cruces, NM. 7 Oct. 1998 <<http://lib.nmsu.edu/resources/dblexis.htm>>.

➤ **Web Sites**

Department of Health and Human Services. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About CDC. 15 Jan. 2004. 23 Jan. 2004 <<http://www.cdc.gov/aboutcdc.htm>>.

Computer-based Ergonomics. 26 Sept. 2001 <<http://www.ergoweb.com>>.

Smith, Jan. Drugs to Combat Alzheimer's Disease. 1998. Mayo Clinic. 27 May 2001  
<<http://www.mayohealth.org>>.

- **Online journal**  
Esteller, John S., and Esther Sitzer. "Using Technology to Develop, Share an E-Book." T.H.E. Journal Sept. 2003. 11 Dec. 2003 <<http://www.thejournal.com/magazine/vault/A4491.cfm>>.
- **Online newspaper**  
Stevens, William K. "New Evidence finds this is Warmest Century in 600 Years." New York Times on the Web 28 Apr. 1998. 10 Jan. 2000 <<http://www.nytimes.com>>.

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- **Audiotape**  
Covey, Stephen R. The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change. Audiotape recording read by the author. New York: Simon and Schuster Audio, 1990. 2 hrs. 30 min.
- **Videotape**  
Emma. Prod. Samuel Birtwistle. Dir. Darren Lawrence. Videocassette. New York: New Video Group, 1996. Color. 107 min.
- **Television program**  
"Decision 2000: Battle for the White House." Hardball with Chris Matthews. New York: MSNBC Television Network, 12 Dec. 2000.

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- **Brochure/Pamphlet**  
National Cancer Institute. Cancer Research – Because Lives Depend on It. Bethesda, MD: Natl. Cancer Institute, June 2000.
- **Bulletin or government publication**  
United States. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography Final Report. Washington, DC: U.S. GPO, 1986.
- **Personal communication**  
Thumb, Thomas. Personal interview. 28 Aug. 2000.  
Folkkes, James. Telephone interview. 6 June 1999.

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## in-text citation

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