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Book

Author(s). (Year). Title. City, State OR Country of publication: Publisher.

Muller, N. J. (2003). *Wireless: a beginner's guide*. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

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Author(s). (Year). Title. Retrieved from URL of database/website

Hurd, M. J. (2007). *Women directors and their films*. Retrieved from <http://catalog.linccweb.org/>

Article from a magazine

Author(s). (Year, Month Day). Article title. *Magazine Title*, Volume Number, Page Numbers.

Kandel, E. R. (2007, October 8). Columbia and Geffen offer joy for Aerosmith fans.

Rolling Stone, 106, 8-9.

Article from a scholarly journal

Author(s). (Year). Article title. *Journal Title*. Volume Number(Issue Number), Page Numbers.

Kramer, R. & Squire, L.R. (2008). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Journal of*

Psychosocial Nursing, 40(7), 69-74.

Article from a Reference Book

Author(s). (Year). Title of article. In *title of reference book* (Volume, Page Numbers). City of publication: Publisher

Rizzo, T. & Odle, T. G. (2006). Hypertension. In *Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine* (Vol. 3, pp. 1901-1905). Detroit: Thomson Gale.

Journal article from a database

Author(s). (Year). Article title. *Journal Title*, Volume(Issue Number), Page Numbers. Retrieved from URL of database.

Babisch, W., & Van Kamp, I. (2009). Exposure-response relationship of the association between aircraft noise and the risk of hypertension. *Noise & Health*, 11(44), 161-168. Retrieved from <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/>

Document from website

Author(s). (Year). *Name of document*. Retrieved from URL address of website

Sutliff, B. (n.d.). *The Situation in Afghanistan*. Retrieved from

<http://www.fhsmun.net/backgroundguides/FHSMUN%2032%20SC%20Afghanistan%20BG.pdf>