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Articles from print magazines and/or scholarly journals

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Chapters in books

Chu, S. Y. (1997). Epidemiology of human immunodeficiency virus infection. In V. T. DeVita Jr. (Ed.), *AIDS: Etiology, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention* (pp. 152-175). Philadelphia: Lippincott-Raven.

Books

Scott, M.D. (1985). *Heritage from the wild: familiar land & sea mammals of the Northwest* (3rd ed.). Bozeman, MT: Northwest Panorama Pub. (When the city of publication is not generally known, add the state abbreviation; this book also has edition information)

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Encyclopedia articles

Kroll, J. (1998). Borderline personality disorder. In *The encyclopedia of mental health* (Vol. 1, pp. 285-294). San Diego, CA: Academic Press. (This is for a print resource. An online encyclopedia article reference would omit location and publisher, and add Retrieved from URL after the edition information.)

Interviews

Villalobos, J. (1992, July). [Interview]. *Mother Jones*, 8-10. (This is an interview written up in a magazine)

Radio and TV programs

Safer, M. (Writer), & Bloom, A. (Director). (1998, October 11). Give peace a chance? [Television series episode]. In D. Naphin (Producer), *60 minutes*. New York: WCBS.

Film and video recordings

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Web pages and sites

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Nationmaster.com. (2003). [Map & graph]. *Health Statistics: HIV/AIDS - adult prevalence rate (most recent by country)*. Retrieved from http://www.nationmaster.com/red/graph/hea_hiv_aid_adu_pre_rat-hiv-aids-adult-prevalence-rate&b_map=1

E-mail, listservs, newsgroups and synchronous communications (blogs, etc.)

Nelson, A. (2002, February 12). Re: KM and succession planning. [Online forum content]. Retrieved from <http://www.brint.com/wwwboard/messages/127627.html>

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