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Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Online Periodical*, volume number(issue number if available). Retrieved month day, year, from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Bernstein, M. (2002). 10 tips on writing the living Web. *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 149. Retrieved May 2, 2006, from <http://www.alistapart.com/articles/writeliving>

## Online Scholarly Journal Article

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number. Retrieved month day, year, from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Kenneth, I. A. (2000). A Buddhist response to the nature of human rights. *Journal of Buddhist Ethics*, 8. Retrieved February 20, 2001, from <http://www.cac.psu.edu/jbe/twocont.html>

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Whitmeyer, J.M. (2000). Power through appointment  
[Electronic version]. *Social Science Research*,  
29, 535-555.

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Smyth, A. M., Parker, A. L., & Pease, D. L. (2002).  
A study of enjoyment of peas. *Journal of  
Abnormal Eating*, 8(3). Retrieved February 20,  
2003, from PsycARTICLES database.

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Engelshcall, R. S. (1997). Module mod\_rewrite: URL Rewriting Engine. In *Apache HTTP Server Version 1.3 Documentation* (Apache modules.) Retrieved March 10, 2006, from [http://httpd.apache.org/docs/1.3/mod/mod\\_rewrite.html](http://httpd.apache.org/docs/1.3/mod/mod_rewrite.html)

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## **Computer Software**

Ludwig, T. (2002). PsychInquiry [computer software]. New York: Worth.