APA REFERENCES LIST: ONLINE SOURCES

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On-line article with a DOI number:

Smith, V. N. (2010). Understanding preteen anger. *Journal of Adolescent Behaviour, 54,*

301-308. doi: 10-4326/0942-8563.34.225

On-line article without a DOI number:

Jones, A. (2005). Big boys don't suppress emotions. *Journal of Adolescent Behaviour,*

31, 55-61. Retrieved from http://jab.org/articles/upa.html

- Article titles appear without quotation marks and with only the first word capitalized (unless there are proper nouns in the title). Journal titles appear in italics, capitalized in the conventional way as shown above.

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Cohen, H. (2009). Recognizing dyslexia in preschoolers. *Journal of Childhood Learning, 45,*

112-120. Retrieved from http://proquest.umi.com

Electronic version of a book. (If there is no DOI number, include "Retrieved from" and the URL.)

Stevens, B. R. (2008). *Understanding drug dependencies* [Phoenix Digital Editions version].

doi: 10.1036/0904748645

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<u>Article in an online magazine</u>

Fernandez, J. A. (2001, March). Cultivating positive emotions. *The Internet Journal of Mental Health, 9*(3). Retrieved from http://amha.org/ijmh/

<u>Article in an online newspaper</u>

Brown, L. (2011, January 14). Pets relieve anxiety. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from http://www. nytimes.com

<u>Item from an online encyclopedia</u> (If an author is named, open the entry with that name followed by the date and the item's heading—then editors, title, etc. as below.)

Phobias. (2006). In A. C. Jones & T. J. Holt [Eds.], *College encyclopedia of psychology* (3rd ed.). Retrieved from http://www.psychsource.com/entries/phobias/

<u>Item from an online dictionary</u>

Psychoanalysis. (n.d.). In *Wilson's online dictionary.* Retrieved from http://wodic.com/defs/psychoanalysis

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DOI numbers will not be found for this type of material. Actual names of websites are not required, and your retrieval date is not included (unless material on the site is expected to change frequently).

National Institute of Mental Health. (2011). Understanding anxiety disorders. Retrieved from http://nimh. nih.gov

Freud Museum. (n. d.). Freud's study. Retrieved from http://www.freud.org.uk/about/house/

Wilson, H. (2007). Coping with agoraphobia. Retrieved from http://www.phobforum.ag

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An aquaphobe at sea. (n.d.). Retrieved from http://www.variaweb.testi/aquaph