

Lake-Sumter Community College Libraries
**PSY 2012 Media Assignment:
 Finding Primary & Secondary Sources**

Step 1: Locate a **secondary source** article in a periodicals database. Newspaper databases work best!

- From the library's home page at <http://www.lsc.edu/library> click on **Databases A-Z**.
- Click on **America's Newspapers** and login.
- The borrower ID is the X-ID. The PIN is the last 4-digits of the social security number.
- Select the shortcut that you would like to use. Below we used "Major Metro Titles".
- Enter your search terms. Use the **Add Row** button to make your screen look like the one below:

- Try different combinations of search terms if your first search does not produce the necessary results.
- Use a range of dates that ends at least 6 months ago to make finding the primary source easier.
- If you can not find what you need, **ASK A LIBRARIAN FOR HELP!**

Step 2: To find the **primary source** article, look for the following information in your secondary source (in order of importance).

1. The name of the scholarly journal where study or experiment (your "primary source" article) was published; and/or
2. a hint as to when the primary source article was published like: "...in the May 1994 issue of..." or "...in a study released last week..."; and/or
3. The author and/or title of the primary source article, which can be used to find the article

Hint: Below are some good examples of a secondary source. The underlined words indicate information that will be helpful in locating and verifying the primary source.

"A study by professor Rhett Diessner of Lewis-Clark State College implies that gratitude is associated with being less acquisitive. The study appeared this year in the Journal of Social Psychology."

"The study which concluded that abused children have self-esteem problems in adulthood was published last year in the journal Lancet."

Step 3: Find a copy of the primary source article.

Use **Journal Finder** to find out if LSCC has the journal you need.

- Click on the **Journal Finder** link on the LSCC Library Home page.

Journal Finder
Find periodicals by title

Full-Text Electronic Journals
Databases A-Z

Enter the name of your journal

Find journals and magazines by title or ISSN

Title begins with

- If your journal is available from any LSCC database or in print you will see:

Full-Text Electronic Journals
Databases A-Z

Click on this link to access database.

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Title begins with

-- Please select a subject category --

1 record retrieved for the search: **Title begins with "journal of social psychology"**

Journal of social psychology ([0022-4545](#)) [Title details from Ulrichsweb.com™](#)
from 10/01/1965 to present in [MEDLINE with Full Text](#)
from 02/01/1975 to present in [Academic Search Complete](#)
from 02/01/1975 to present in [Business Source Complete](#)

Choose the appropriate database based on the date of the article you need.

Searching: **Academic Search Complete** | [Choose Databases >](#)

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[Advanced Search](#) | [Visual Search](#) | [Search History/Alerts](#) | [Preferences >](#)

Make sure to choose **advanced search** when available.

When searching the other databases

- Use the drop down menus to search by author, keyword, or article title
- Search for the journal by title

Ask a librarian when ...

- The article you need is not available
- You cannot locate any articles after an hour of searching.

Step 4: Citing your sources in APA style. The examples below illustrate how to cite articles from newspapers, print, magazines, and journals in both print and electronic formats.

Newspaper Articles (from a hardcopy of the newspaper)

- A one page article is preceded by “p.”
- Articles with two or more pages, list all the page numbers preceded by “pp.”

Lorente, R. (2000, June 28). Deal may let Cuba buy food. *The Orlando Sentinel*, pp. A1, A6.

Woodward, C. (2000, April 24). Storm surrounds raid as Elian has quiet Easter. *The Daily Commercial*, p. A1.

Newspaper Articles (from an LSCC database)

- Cite the print source of the article without the page number, and then add a retrieval statement.
- Replace the “Retrieved” date with the date you found the article.
- Cite the database you used to find the article.

Cooke, R. (2004, September 23). Hope seen for early test to detect breast cancer. *The Boston Globe*. Retrieved October 4, 2006 from NewsBank America’s Newspapers database.

Newspaper Article (from the Internet)

Caldwell, A. A. (2003, September 13). Volunteer firefighter faces child sex charge [Electronic version]. *Orlando Sentinel*. Retrieved September 13, 2003 from <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/volusia/orl-locmolest13091303sep13.story>

Magazine Articles (from a hardcopy of the magazine)

- For articles with no author, start the citation with the title of the article. See the third example below.

Cowley, G. (2000, January 31). Alzheimer’s: Unlocking the mystery. *Newsweek*, 135, 46-54.

Klien, G. L. & Ziering, R. W. (2000, March-April). Allergies and exercise. *The Saturday Evening Post*, 272, 26+.

Unscrambling dangerous myths about heart disease. (2000, April). *Nursing*, 30, 51.

Journal Articles (from a hardcopy of the journal)

- When citing a journal that begins each issue on page one, include the issue number.
- Add a period and the issue number in parentheses directly after the volume number.
- In the example below ‘24(3)’ signifies volume 24, issue 3.

Marek, K. D. & Rantz, M. J. (2000). Aging in place: A new model for long term care. *Nursing Administration Quarterly*, 24(3), 1-11.

Journal Articles with Continuous Page Numbering (from a hardcopy of the journal)

Lindahl, K. M. & Malik, N. M. (1991). Observations of marital conflict and power: Relations with parenting in the triad. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 61, 320-330.

Magazine or Journal Articles (from LSCC Databases)

- To cite a journal article from a database add a retrieval statement to the citation for the print source.
- Replace the "Retrieved" date with the date you found the article.
- Cite the database you used to find the article.

Brisette, I., Scheier, M.F., & Carver, C.S. (2002). The role of optimism in social network development, coping, and psychological adjustment during a life transition. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 82, 102-111. Retrieved September 12, 2006 from PsycArticles database.

Magazine or Journal Articles (from an Internet journal or magazine based on a print source)

Wills, T.A., Sandy, J.M., Yaeger, A., & Shinar, O. (2001, May). Family risk factors and adolescent substance use: Moderation effects for temperament dimensions [Electronic version]. *Developmental Psychology*, 37, 238-297. Retrieved November 28, 2001 from <http://www.apa.org/journals/dev/dev373283.html>

Magazine or Journal Articles (from an Internet-only journal or magazine)

Badzedk, L.A., Mitchell, K., Marra, E.E., & Bower, M.M. (1988, December 13). Administrative ethics and confidentiality/privacy issues. *Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*. Retrieved November 28, 2001 from http://www.nursingworld.org/ojin/topic8/topic8_2.htm

If you still need help:

- Visit any of the three LSCC campus libraries
- Call one of the following numbers:
 - 352-365-3563 (Leesburg)
 - 352-536-2148 (South Lake)
 - 352-568-3074 (Sumter).