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Smith, K. (2004, February 16). Food of the gods. *Chemistry and Industry*, 4, 24. Retrieved July 12, 2004, from
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References Entry: World Wide Web Site

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Chocolate forensics. (2004, February 12). Retrieved July 12, 2004, from Worcester Polytechnic Institute Surface
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References Entry: Electronic Book

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Author's Name. (Date of Publication). Title of book. City of Publication: Publisher. Retrieved Date, Database
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Actual Example

Beckett, S.T. (1999). *Industrial chocolate manufacture and use*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Science. Retrieved July
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References Entry: Book

Basic Format

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Actual Example

Sebold, A. (2004). *The lovely bones*. New York: Back Bay.

References Entry: Periodical

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Author. (Date of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, page(s) article appears on.

Actual Example

Navarro, M. (2004, August 2). Young Japanese-Americans honor ethnic roots. *The New York Times*, p. A1.

References Entry: Motion Picture

Basic Format

Name of Director and/or Producer. (Date). *Title of motion picture*. [Motion picture]. Motion Picture's Country of Origin: Name of Distributor.

Actual Example

Hoffman, M. (Director). (1999). *William Shakespeare's a midsummer night's dream*. [Motion picture]. United States: 20th Century-Fox.

References Entry: Music Recording

Basic Format

Name of Recording Artist. (Date). *Title of recording* [Medium of recording]. City: Label.

Actual Example

Orchestra Baobab. (2002). *Specialist in all styles* [CD]. New York: World Circuit/Nonesuch.