



Psychology 211 Cross-Cultural Variations in LifeSpan Development

Part of the assignment reads as:

"Researching the topic by using journals and/or government resources. You can search professional journals, government web sites and other quality sources. Do NOT use the popular press (newspapers, magazines, TV or Wikipedia.) Copy or print each of the resources used and include copies with your written report. You must include a minimum of 3 different sources."

How to find journal articles:

The *International Journal of Behavioral Development* is an online professional journal that may be able to help. The journal can be accessed at <http://jbd.sagepub.com>. However, this online journal no longer allows us to access the full-text of the article for free. If you find an article that you want, you can interlibrary loan a copy of the article for free. Please ask at the Reference Desk.

- Once on the main screen, look to the left of the screen to see a box with the message "Quick search this journal."
- Type keywords that you want to find in your article.

Examples of search strategies:

Japan (just type in the name of your country. For many countries, there will not be a lot of articles. It is easy to scroll through the titles.)

- Kenya and adolescence
- Kenya and attachment

[EBSCO](#) is a computer database that can be accessed through the Delta Library website. [EBSCO](#) contains several indexes (databases) that can lead you to journal articles about your subject. Be careful though, because many of the databases will provide magazine articles, also.

Off-Campus access requires your Delta College username and password. Please contact the Reference Desk at 686-9560.

Within [EBSCO](#), please try the following databases:

- Social Sciences Full Text
- Education Full Text
- OmniFile Full Text

[FirstSearch](#) is a computer databases that can be accessed through the Delta Library website. A couple of the databases within FirstSearch will provide some information that can be helpful for this assignment. Off-Campus access requires your Delta Library username and password. Please contact the Reference Desk at 686-9560.

- ERIC
- Medline

[InfoTrac](#) is a computer database that can be accessed through the Delta Library Web site. For this assignment, try searching all of the databases at the same time. For your convenience, [InfoTrac](#) has an option that allows you to retrieve full-text articles, only. Another option that can help is the ability to retrieve journal articles, only. Off-Campus access requires your Delta College username and password. Please contact the Reference Desk at 686-9560.

[PubMed](#) is a service of the National Library of Medicine, that provides access to over 11 million MEDLINE citations back to the mid-1960's and additional life science journals, including psychology and psychiatry. PubMed is capable of linking to sites with full-text articles and resources.

TIP: PubMed offers a link to "limit" your search. By clicking on "Limits", you can limit the search to "Links to free full-text" (entire article) and you can limit to articles presented in English.

Interlibrary Loan: If you find an article that Delta does not own, Delta Library can try to interlibrary loan the article, for free. It takes about two-weeks to retrieve the article from another library.

How to find books:

Use [ValCat](#), the online catalog, to find books on a variety of subjects. There is a series of books that will give information about the culture and customs of countries. Use the "any keyword" search of [ValCat](#) to type the keywords of culture, customs, and then the name of your country, such as culture, customs, Kenya. This search produces the book "The culture and customs of Kenya."

Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life is a respectable source that will give information about the "rites of passage", "interpersonal relations", "family life", and "education." This multivolume work is found in the Reference section Ref. GN 333 .W67 2009.

CultureGrams give three or four pages of information about a country's culture. This multivolume work is located in the Reference section Ref. GT 150 .C85 2005.

Transcultural Nursing: Assessment and Intervention **gives very good information** on cultural and social aspects of different cultures such as: East Indian Hindu Americans, Japanese Americans; Mexican Americans, and Russian Americans. This book includes information about the "death beliefs and practices." RT 86.54 .T73 2004 is located on Reserve. RT 86.54 .T73 **2008** is located in Reference.

Country Studies is a source of information produced by the Federal Government. At one time, Country Studies were published in book form but now this source is online at the following address: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/>. The long table of contents can be very helpful. Look for subjects such as social organization, social systems, society, family, education, life cycle rituals, life passages, and life cycle rituals.

Other sources of information about countries can be found on the **Country Research Guide** located on the [Research Guides web page](#).

