



Modern Language Association (MLA)

CITING ELECTRONIC SOURCES: DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

Basically, there are two categories of electronic resources that are used most often: (1) Web pages that you have found by using a search engine or directory like Google or Yahoo! or (2) articles from the Library's Research Databases, like *EBSCOhost* or *Facts.com*, etc.

YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR MEANS OF ACCESSING THE INFORMATION. This means that (1) you need to include the term, **Web**, for Web pages or sites that are freely accessible and (2) you must include the term **Web** and also include the name of the database(s) that you used. from sources that require authentication, such as a password. Example (2) applies to information from our Research Databases.

BASIC FORMAT FOR A WEB PAGE

(All elements below will not necessarily be present. DOUBLE-SPACE between lines.)

Author's Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Page or Section in Web Site." *Title of Complete Web Site* (day month year of publication/creation). Web. day month year of access.

EXAMPLE

"Botswana." *The World Factbook* (2005). Web. 21 Oct. 2006.

BASIC FORMAT FOR AN ARTICLE FROM LIBRARY'S RESEARCH DATABASES

(All elements below will not necessarily be present. DOUBLE-SPACE between lines.)

Author's Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Work or Article." *Title of Complete Work*. volume. issue number. (day month year of publication): page(s) . * *Title of the Database*. Web. day month year of access.

* If page numbers can't be determined, use the term, **n.p. or omit.**

EXAMPLE

Travis, John. "Dolly was Lucky." *Science News*. 160.16 (20 Oct. 2001): 250-253. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 16 June 2004.

CITING LIBRARY RESEARCH DATABASES: MORE EXAMPLES

To see examples of how to search some of our most popular databases, go to <http://guides.frederick.edu/writing?hs=a>, then in the box labeled "MLA Citation Styles," click on the tab, "Citing Sources," then click on "MLA Style for Library Databases."

ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER ARTICLE (EBSCOHOST)

Paine, Emily. "The Real McCoy." *History Illustrated* 100 (Nov. 1997):183-7. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 16 Apr. 2004.

AORN ONLINE VIDEO LIBRARY

Malignant Hyperthermia: Keeping Your Cool. Cine-Med, 2009. *AORN Online Video Library.* Web. 9 Dec. 2010.

BUSINESS SOURCE PREMIER ARTICLE (EBSCOHOST)

Brinner, Roger E. "Is Inflation Dead?" *New England Economic Review* (Jan./Feb. 1999): 13-50. *Business Source Premier.* Web. 22 June 2004.

CQ (Congressional Quarterly) RESEARCHER

Jost, Kenneth. "Gay Rights Update." *CQ Researcher* (14 April 2000): 305-327. *CQ Researcher.* Web. 28 June 2004.

CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Young, Jeffrey. "A College Unfriends Its Social Networking President." *Chronicle of Higher Education* (6 May 2011): A1. *Chronicle of Higher Education.* Web. 13 May 2011.

EBRARY ELECTRONIC BOOK

Jones, Edward. *Obesity in Adults.* New York: McGraw-Hill, 2007. *ebrary collections.* Web. 11 Feb. 2009.

ERIC DOCUMENT (EBSCOHOST)

Lerner, Claire. *Getting in Tune: The Powerful Influence of Music on Young Children's Development.* (2002): 1-13. Washington, D.C.: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families.. ED4751777. *ERIC.* Web. 11 Feb. 2005.

FACTS.COM ARTICLE OR DOCUMENT FROM ISSUES AND CONTROVERSIES

"Racial Disparities." *Issues and Controversies on File* (12 June 1996): n.p. *Facts.com.* Web. 19 June 2004.

FILMS ON DEMAND VIDEO

Egypt: Behind the Revolution. Films Media Group, 2011. *Films On Demand.* Web. 16 August 2013.

FREDERICK NEWS-POST ARTICLE

Brown, Barbara. "Mayor Halts Heated Meeting." *Fredericknewspost.com.* Frederick News-Post, 2 June 2000. Web. 19 June 2004..

GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

Fischman, Marian W. "Crack." *Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol, and Addictive Behavior*. Ed. Rosalyn Carson. Vol. 1. 2d. ed. New York: Macmillan, 2001. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 3 June 2004.

LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER (GALE)

- **If item is from a book:**

"Isacc Rosenberg." *Dictionary of Literary Biography. Volume 216: British Poets of the Great War: Brooke, Rosenberg, Thomas* (2000): 10 pp. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 28 June 2004.

- **If item is from a journal, magazine, or newspaper:**

Symons, Julian. "The Queen of Crime: P.D. James." *New York Times Magazine* (5 October 1986):48+. *Gale Literature Resource Center*. Web.. 28 June 2004.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS 5

Smith, Gregory. "Quoth the Ravens, 'Nevermore'." *Washington Post* (23 Oct. 1997): C4. *Washington Post*. Web.. 12 Dec. 2003.

NAXOS MUSIC LIBRARY

Rogg, Lionel, perf. "Tocatta." By Johann Sebastian Bach. *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor*. 1708. *Naxos Music Library*. Web. 16 Mar 2012

NEW YORK TIMES HISTORICAL EDITION (1851-2003)

"Many Nations Share America's Grief." *New York Times*. (24 Nov. 1963): 6. *Historical New York Times*. Web. 11 July 2006.

OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS (GALE)

Katz, John. "Campus Speech Codes Violate Free Speech." *Censorship*. (3 March 2001) n.p. Ed. Tamara L. Roleff. *Opposing Viewpoints*. Web. 9 Sept. 2003.

OVID NURSING COLLECTION

- **BOOKS**

"Latex Allergy." *Handbook of Medical Surgical Nursing*. Ed. Elizabeth Jaqueline Mills. 4th ed. Ambler, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2006. *OVID: Frederick Community College Nursing Books*. Web. 8 June 2009.

- **JOURNALS**

Budd, Geraldine M. and Laura Hayman. "Addressing the Childhood Obesity Crisis." *MCN, American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*. 33.2 (March/April 2008):111-118. *OVID: Frederick Community College Nursing Journals*. Web. 8 June 2009.

PSYCARTICLES (EBSCOHOST)

Rivas-Vazques, Rafael A., Sheri L. Johnson, and Gustavo Ray. "Current Treatments for Bipolar Disorder: A Review." *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice* 33..2 (April 2002): 212-223. *PsycArticles*. Web. 3 Sept. 2003.

TESTING AND EDUCATION REFERENCE CENTER (GALE)

Sample Listening Questions." *ARCO: Master the TOEFL 2005*. Eds. Patricia Noble Sullivan, Gail Abel Brenner, and Grace Yi Qui Zhong. Chapter 5: *Listening Section*. Lawrenceville, NJ: Petersons, 2004. 37-64. *Testing and Education Reference Center*. Web. 12 July 2006.