

Citing Electronic Resources: MLA Style

This handout is a short guide for citing commonly used electronic sources using Modern Language Association (MLA) style. For additional information, consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th ed.), available in Quick Reference and in the stacks under call number PE2369.G 5 2009. The [Style Manuals Library Guide](#), available from the link "Citation/Writing Help" on the WSU Libraries homepage (<http://libraries.wichita.edu>) contains links to online guides and websites with more examples.

When citing, you must give the reader enough information to locate the source. In MLA style, sources are briefly cited within the text and a full bibliographic entry is included in a Works Cited page at the end. Below are examples of bibliographic entries for electronic sources. Consistency is essential.

Note: With the 7th edition, URLs are no longer required for web sources and should only be used if necessary to identify source. If included, it should come at end of citation in angled brackets, <URL>.

Webpage

If no publication date given, use n.d.

Author (if known). "Title of Page." *Name of Site*. Name of publisher/sponsor of site, date of publication. Medium of publication. Date accessed.

Boyle, Alan. "Engineering's Greatest Challenge: Our Survival." *MSNBC*. Microsoft, 15 Feb. 2008. Web. 12 Sept. 2008.

Electronic Articles from Subscription Database

Author. "Title of Article." *Periodical Name* Volume.Issue (Publication Date): Pages (if available). *Database name*. Medium of publication. Date accessed.

Taheri, S. "The Genetics of Sleep Disorders." *Minerva Medica* 95.3 (June 2004): 203-212. *Medline*. Web. 8 Sept. 2008

Beware: Some databases will automatically generate a citation for you. However, there are often things that need to be changed. Make sure you proofread these and make appropriate changes.

Electronic Articles available freely online

Author. "Article Title." *Title of Periodical* Publication Date: Pages (if available). Medium of publication. Date accessed.

Tierney, John. "As Barriers Disappear, Some Gender Gaps Widen." *The New York Times* 9 Sept. 2008: F1. Web. 11 Sept. 2008.

Electronic Book

Author. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. *Database name or Website*. Medium of publication. Date accessed.

Fitzpatrick, Patrick J. *Natural Disasters, Hurricanes: A Reference Handbook*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 1999. *NetLibrary*. Web. 9 Sept. 2008.

Electronic Dissertation/Thesis

Author. *Title of Thesis*. Diss. (or MA/MS Thesis). Institution granting degree, year. *Database name or Website*. Medium of publication. Date accessed.

Gunbatar, Yakup. *Automatic Airspace Avoidance Using Advanced Flight Control System*. MS Thesis. Wichita State University, 2006. *Shocker Open Access Repository*. Web. 10 March 2011.

Blog Posting

Author. "Title of Entry." *Title of Weblog*. Name of sponsor/publisher (if available), date of publication. Medium of publication. Date accessed.

Dupuis, John. "Time for Computer Science to Grow Up?." *Confessions of a Science Librarian*. ScienceBlogs, 21 September 2009. Web. 20 October 2009.