

Citing Electronic Sources - MLA Style

Web Pages and SC4 LRC Database Services

General Guidelines

- Use double spacing & hanging indentation on a works cited page, unless your instructor requests otherwise.
- Arrange the items in your works cited page alphabetically by author. If no author is given, begin with the title.
- Abbreviate the names of all months except May, June, and July.
- Only include the URL if the citation information may not lead readers to the source. If you include an URL, it should follow the date of access, a period, and a space. Enclose it in angle brackets and include a period at the end. The URL does not necessarily have to be on one line. You can separate the URL after a forward slash (/). Do not use a hyphen after the forward slash.
- See your Instructor or a Reference Librarian if you have any questions.

Web Sites

Citing an Entire Web Site:

List the name of the author, editor, compiler, or corporate author (such as the branches of government with their divisions and offices) if available. Next list the *title of the site (in italics)*, the site provider followed by a comma (if none, list N.p.), followed by the date of publication or update, (if no date is provided write n.d.) Then write the medium of publication by writing *Web*, followed by a period and the date of access. If the title is not available, use a descriptive term such as Home Page (Do not use italics or quotation marks).

Example

American Lung Association. American Lung Association, 2009. Web. 21 Apr. 2009.

Citing a Short Work from a Web Site:

Author's name (if known). "Title of the Short Work in Quotation Marks." Then list the *Title of the Site, italicized*, and the rest of the information as for an entire web site (see above).

Example

"Reebok International Ltd." *Hoover's Online*. Hoover's, Inc., 2009. Web. 21 Apr. 2009.

"Hourly News Summary." *National Public Radio*. Natl. Public Radio, 6 May 2009. Web. 6 May 2009.

Articles & Other Documents from SC4 LRC Database Services

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Volume number.Issue number Date:
Pages. *Name of Database*, the medium, and the date accessed.

Examples

[EBSCOhost Research Databases](#) (*journal article*)

Sun, Ivan Y., and Jamie G. Longazel. "College Students' Alcohol-Related Problems: A Test of Competing Theories." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 36.6 (2008): 554-62. *Academic Search Elite*. Web. 27 Apr. 2009.

[FirstSearch](#) (*journal article*)

Klomek, Anat Brunstein, et al. "Childhood Bullying Behaviors as a Risk for Suicide Attempts and Completed Suicides: A Population-Based Birth Cohort Study." *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* 48.3 (2009): 254-61. *WilsonSelectPlus*. Web. 27 Apr. 2009.

[NewsBank](#) (*newspaper article*)

Tait, Stephen. "Officials Offer SC4 Balanced Budget." *Times Herald* 17 Apr. 2009: 1A. *NewsBank NewsFile Collection*. Web. 27 Apr. 2009.

[InfoTracWeb](#) (*magazine article*)

Williams, Florence. "The Runner's Footprint. (Carbon Footprint)." *Runner's World* Nov. 2008: 64. *Academic OneFile*. Web. 4 May 2009.

[InfoTracWeb: Nursing Resource Center](#) (*journal article*)

Haishen, Jiang. "Study on Treatment Principles for Chronic Atrophic Gastritis." *Journal of Chinese Medicine* 88 (2008): 76. *Nursing Resource Center*. Web. 5 May 2009.

[InfoTracWeb: Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) (entry in an e-encyclopedia)

“Business Plan.” *Encyclopedia of Small Business*. Ed. Kevin Hillstrom and Laurie Collier Hillstrom, 2nd ed. vol. 1. Detroit: Gale, 2002. 142-46. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 5 May 2009.

[InfoTracWeb: Literature Resource Center](#) (work in an anthology)

Malak, Amin. “Margaret Atwood’s ‘The Handmaid’s Tale’ and the Dystopian Tradition.” *Canadian Literature* 112 (1987): 9-16. Rpt. in Contemporary Literary Criticism. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 5 May 2009.

[InfoTracWeb: Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center](#) (work in an anthology; Viewpoints tab)

Smith, Wesley J. "The Right to Die Movement Supports Death on Demand." *Current Controversies: Suicide*. Ed. Paul Connors. Detroit: Greenhaven Press, 2007. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 5 May 2009.

[FACTS.com](#)

“U.S. Lifts Limits on Family Visits and Remittances to Cuba; Obama Eases Hard Line on Castros; Other Developments.” *Facts on File World News Digest*. 16 Apr. 2009. *Facts on File News Services*. 5 May 2009. Web. 5 May. 2009.

"Country Profile: Canada." *World News Digest*. 2009. *Facts On File News Services*. Web. 6 May 2009.

[CQ Researcher Online](#)

Billitteri, Thomas J. "High-Speed Trains: Does the United States Need Supertrains?" *CQ Researcher* 19.17 (2009): 397-420. *CQ Researcher Online*. Web. 5 May 2009.

[Daily Life Online](#)

Aldrete, Gregory S. "Family Life: Rome." *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, n.d. *Daily Life Online: Exploring Everyday Life Past and Present*. Greenwood Publishing Group. Web. 6 May 2009.

Criminal Justice Collection

Crain, Christina Melton. "Children of offenders and the cycle of intergenerational incarceration."

Corrections Today 70.5 (Oct 2008): 64+. *Criminal Justice Collection*. Web. 6 May 2009.

NetLibrary (ebook)

Haven, Kendall F. *Write Right!: Creative Writing Using Storytelling Techniques*. Englewood: Teacher

Ideas Press, 1999. *NetLibrary*. Web. 7 May 2009.

Sources and additional information

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(Ask for this reserve book at the LRC Circulation Desk. The call number is: Ref LB 2369 .G53 2009.)

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