

MLA STYLE

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

BASIC FORMAT

Author. "Article Title." Title of Publication or Web Site. Date of Publication or Latest Update. Name of Sponsoring Organization. Date of Access <URL>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if the Web site doesn't include all of the information in the basic format?

Some sites may not list some of the information above. Include as much as possible. Also keep in mind that other information not included in the basic format may also be necessary. Other information you might site if available includes editors, editions, names of the sponsoring organization or institution, or any information that will allow a reader to retrieve your referenced electronic site.

How do I write an in-text citation?

Follow the same rules that you use to cite print publications within the text of your paper. If the resource includes page number, list these. Oftentimes Web resources do not use page numbers. If it uses another numbering method, cite this.

Why do I have to include both the date I visited the site and the date it was posted or updated?

No one controls the Web. Resources are posted and oftentimes removed within months or weeks. In addition, organizations that post information often update the site, changing the URL of some or all of the resources. If your reader can't locate the site using the URL you provided, the access date will let them know when you visited the site. Sometimes they can use the information in your citation to find the resource even if the URL you provided no longer works.

You must also provide the publication date, or latest update date from the Web site so that your reader knows when the article, report or site was produced and how current the information is.

What is the URL?

URL means Uniform Resource Locator. It is a fancy name for the address you use to find Web sites. It begins with <http://>. BCC's Web site URL is <<http://www.bcc.ctc.edu>>. MLA Style requires that you put the URL in brackets <>.

What if I can't find an author for the article or site?

Determine first if the information was created by an organization, corporation or government agency. If so, list this group as the author. Information found at government Web sites with no author listed often fit into this category. If not, just start your citation with the title of the article or report.

Do I still double-space the entries like I did with the paper sources?

Yes. You integrate the electronic sources in with your paper sources, alphabetizing, double spacing, and not numbering.

Where can I get more help?

Stop by the LMC Reference Desk, or consult the **MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers**, 6th ed. A copy is available in the reference section under the call number **LB 2369 G53 2003**. Or call a reference librarian at 425-564-6161 during normal LMC hours.

NOTE: MLA web site is: <<http://www.mla.org>>.

WEB SITE

Author's name (last name first). "Message subject line".
Recipient. Date received (day, month, year).

ENTIRE INTERNET SITE
MLA 5.9.2

Encyclopaedia Britannica Online. 2003. Encyclopaedia Britannica.
15. Sept. 2003 <www.britannica.com/>.

PERSONAL HOME PAGE
MLA 5.9.2c

Runner, Jennifer. Jennifer's Home Page. 26 July 2003. 15 Nov.
2003 <<http://www.elite.net/~runner/jennifers/>>.

BOOK
MLA 5.9.3a

Sa'di. "The Gulistan of Sa'di". The Internet Classics Archives
Project. Ed. Daniel C. Stevenson. 4 Oct. 2000. MIT. 19
Sept. 2003 <<http://classics.mit.edu/Sadi/gulistan.html>>.

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MLA 5.9.3c

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Children,
Violence, and the Media: A Report for Parents and Policy
Makers. By Orrin G. Hatch. 14 Sept 1999. 19 Sept.
2003 <<http://judiciary.senate.gov/oldsite/5599ogh.htm>>.

ONLINE MAGAZINE ARTICLE (ezine).....
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Beinhart, Peter. "Wrongly Accused." The New Republic
Online 18 July 2003. 21 July 2003 <[https://ssl.tnr.com/p/docsub.
mhtml?l=2003007288&trb072803](https://ssl.tnr.com/p/docsub.mhtml?l=2003007288&trb072803)>.

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MLA 5.9.9d

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online.org/rhesus.jpg](http://monkeys.online.org/rhesus.jpg)>.

ARTICLE FROM A SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE /DATABASE

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Note: If periodical is a **scholarly journal** such as
Lancet, instead of date, use volume number.

LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER

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Group. King County Library Systems, Seattle, WA. 30 Aug. 2003
<<http://infoweb.newsbank.com>>.

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Frase, Brigitte. "Off the Rez." NY Times Book Review, 1 Oct 2000:
20. Proquest Newspapers. Proquest. Bellevue
Community College Library Media Center, Bellevue, WA. 18 Sept
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Duffy, Michael et. al. "A Question of Trust." (cover story) Time,
21 July 2003:22. Business Source Elite. EBSCOhost.
Bellevue Community College Library Media Center, Bellevue, WA.
19 Sept. 2003 <<http://www.ebscohost.com>>.

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Mihesuah, Devon A. "Inflation is Not Enough: Review of Ian
Frazier's On the Rez." American Indian Quarterly 30 Apr
2000:24. Ethnic NewsWatch. Bellevue Community College
Library Media Center, Bellevue, WA. 1 Nov 2003
<<http://enw.softlineweb.com/>>.

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Doe, John. "Headaches of the Works Cited Page." E-mail to
George W. Bush. 19 Sept. 2003.