

Citing Full-Text Articles from the Library's Online Databases in MLA Format

The Scarborough-Phillips Library subscribes to several electronic databases from various vendors, such as InfoTrac, EBSCOhost, and Lexis-Nexis. The full-text articles you find in these databases are *not* cited the same way as web sites or articles you may find elsewhere online.

Style Manual

Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2003.

Located on the Ready Reference Shelf; copies you can check out are at call number: LB 2369 G53 2003.

Double-space within and between entries in the list of references, entitled Works Cited. *Indent* the second line in each entry 1/2 inches. *Capitalize* each word in the title of books, periodicals, and articles, except for conjunctions and prepositions. Enclose titles of periodical articles in *quotation marks*. *Underline* book and periodical titles. Months, except for May, June, and July, are abbreviated. Please see sections 5.1 - 5.5 for more information.

When citing full-text articles from the library's Online Databases, begin the entry as shown in 5.9.4 and then follow the rules for citing a work from a library subscription service (see section 5.9.7 in the MLA Handbook). If you do not know if your article is from a **scholarly** or **popular** periodical, please see the handout entitled "Is This Journal Scholarly?" or consult one of the Reference Librarians.

URLs of the Library's Online Databases

The MLA Handbook in sections 5.9.7.a (pg. 229), 1.4.6.d (pg. 29), and 5.9.1 (pg. 213), states that you need not provide the URL for the library subscription service, as it is "unique to the subscribing institution". Citations may end with the date of access.

Parenthetical Documentation

In addition to a list of references, you will also need to cite quotations, facts, and other people's ideas throughout your paper. Please refer to Section 6 "Documentation: Citing Sources in the Text" (pg. 237) for detailed instructions on the construction of parenthetical documentation for electronic sources.

Many online articles do not have page numbers or any kind of reference numbers. MLA recommends citing the source in its entirety (section 6.4.2, pg. 245). Furthermore, they state: "it is usually preferable to include in the text, rather than in a parenthetical reference, the name of the person (e.g., author, editor, director, performer) that begins corresponding entry in the works-cited list." (section 6.4.1, pg. 242)

An Article in A Scholarly Journal

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Journal volume number (year of

publication): page numbers. Title of the Database. Name of Computer Service. Library, City, State abbreviation.

Date you accessed the article in day-abbreviated month-year format.

Example:

Sniderman, Paul M., and Edward S. Carmines. "Reaching Beyond Race." PS: Political Science & Politics 30

(1997): 466-72. Expanded Academic ASAP. InfoTrac. Scarborough-Phillips Lib., Austin, TX.

9 Sept. 1998.

An Article in A Popular Periodical/Magazine

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Magazine Title Date of article: page numbers. Title

of the Database. Name of Computer Service. Library, City, State abbreviation. Date you accessed the article in day-abbreviated month-year format.

If the magazine is published every week or every 2 weeks, provide the date of the article in day-abbreviated month-year format (21 Sept. 1998). If the magazine is published monthly, provide the date in the order of "abbreviated month year" (Sept. 1998).

Example:

Faircloth, Anne. "Guess Who's Coming to Denny's." Fortune 3 Aug. 1998: 108-110. Business Source Premier.

EBSCO. Scarborough-Phillips Lib., Austin, TX. 13 June 1999.

An Article in A Newspaper

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Newspaper Title day-abbreviated month-year, edition: page

number(s). Title of Database. Name of Computer Service. Library, City, State abbreviation. Date you accessed the article in day-abbreviated month-year format.

Example:

LaFerla, Ruth. "Jetting to India in Search of a Pattern." New York Times 13 June 1999, late ed., sec. 2:1.

Academic Universe: News. Lexis-Nexis. Scarborough-Phillips Lib., Austin, TX. 13 June 1999.