



MLA STYLE ELECTRONIC DATABASES WORKS CITED

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To cite an article from an electronic database, include these elements: **(MLA 5.5 & 5.6.4)**

Double Space Citations

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| 1. Author | 4. Date of publication |
| 2. Title of article (in quotation marks) | 5. Inclusive pages |
| 3. Name of periodical (italicized), volume & issue number | 6. Name of database (italicized) |
| | 7. Medium of publication (Web) |
| | 8. Date of access (day, month, year) |

WORKS CITED ENTRY FOR AN ARTICLE FROM A DATABASE

1. Author: Jenson, Jill D.
2. Title of article (in quotation marks): "It's the Information Age, so Where's the Information?"
3. Name of periodical (italicized), volume & issue number: *College Teaching* 52.3 (2004): 107-12.
4. Inclusive pages: 107-12.
5. Date of publication: (2004)
6. Name of database (italicized): *Academic Search Premier*.
7. Medium of publication (Web): Web.
8. Date of access (day, month, year): 2 Feb. 2005.

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Note: The inclusion of a URL (Web address) is optional unless required by your instructor. If required, add the URL at the end of the citation enclosed in angle brackets. If a URL is included and spans two lines of your citation, divide it after a backslash.

Example with optional URL:

Kolata, Gina. "Scientists Debating Future of Hormone Replacement." *New York Times* 23 Oct. 2002, late ed.: A20. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 5 Jan. 2009. <<http://www.lexisnexus.com/>>.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

When using MLA style to cite an article from an electronic database, you need to know if the article is from a journal, a magazine, a newspaper, or other source. Ask a Librarian, Learning Center staff member, or your instructor if you need assistance.

I. Scholarly Journal Article from an Electronic Database

Powers, Vicki. "Keeping Work and Life in Balance" *T & D* 58.7 (2004): 32-35.
Academic Search Complete. Web. 14 Apr. 2009.

Article in a Journal

- Include both **volume** and **issue number** for a scholarly journal article unless the issue number is not available.
- After the volume number, put a period and then issue number.
- Abbreviate the names of the months **except** May, June, and July.
- If the print page numbers are missing from a database, put **n.pag.** in place of the page numbers to indicate no pagination.

II. Magazine Article from an Electronic Database

Berusch, Brian. "Work Begins on Waikiki Beach Walk Project." *Travel Weekly* 1 May 2005: 30.
Hospitality and Tourism Complete. Web. 20 Jan. 2009.

Article in a Magazine

- **Do not cite the volume and issue numbers** even if printed in the issue.
- If the magazine is issued monthly, cite the **month** and **year**.
- If the magazine is issued weekly, cite the **exact date** as in the example above.
- **Abbreviate** the names of the months except May, June, and July.
- If the print page numbers are missing from a database, put **n.pag.** in place of the page numbers to indicate no pagination.

III. Newspaper Articles from an Electronic Database

Kolata, Gina. "Scientists Debating Future of Hormone Replacement." *New York Times* 23 Oct. 2002, late ed.: A20. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 26 Nov. 2005.

Wilford, John Noble. "In a Golden Age of Discovery, Faraway Worlds Beckon." *New York Times* 9 Feb. 1997, late ed., sec. 1: 1+. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 22 Jan. 2009.

Article in a Newspaper

- If specified, include the **section letter** or **number** before the page number.
- If the article does not appear on **consecutive pages**, use a plus sign (+) after the page number. Example: **B5+**
- When an edition of the newspaper is specified, include the **edition after the date** and before the page number. If there is no edition, the colon and page designation follow the year.
- If the print page numbers are missing from a database, put **n.pag.** in place of the page numbers to indicate no pagination.

WORKS CITED EXAMPLES

Examples below are not double spaced. **Double space citations** on the Works Cited page.

Academic Search Complete (Journal)

Vitu, Françoise, Denis Lancelin, and Valentine Marrier d'Unienville. "A Perceptual-Economy Account for the Inverted-Optimal Viewing Position Effect." *Journal of Experimental Psychology* 33.5 (Oct. 2007): 1220-1249. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 2 Feb. 2009

Access Science: Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Online (Encyclopedia)

Marvier, Michelle. "Genetically Engineered Crops." 11 Mar. 2002. *Access Science*. McGraw-Hill. Web. 7 May 2009.

Business Source Complete (Magazine)

Young, Lesley. "A Hard Lesson." *Marketing Magazine* 30 June 2008: 10-14. *Business Source Complete*. Web. 10 Feb. 2009

CQ Researcher (Report)

Greenblatt, Alan. "Confronting Warming." *CQ Researcher* 19.1 (2009): 1-24. *CQ Researcher Online*. CQ Press. Web. 19 Feb. 2009.

CREDOreference (Reference Book Online)

"Moon Landings." *Conspiracy Theories in American History*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2003. *Credo Reference*. Web. 19 Feb. 2009.

Custom Newspapers (Newspaper)

Cooper, Helene. "Obama Takes His Lobbying For Stimulus To Illinois." *The New York Times* 13 Feb. 2009, late ed.: A20. *Custom Newspapers*. Web. 19 Mar. 2009.

LitFINDER (Biography)

"Edgar Allan Poe." *LitFinder Contemporary Collection*. Detroit: Gale, 2007. *LitFinder*. Gale. Web. 21 Feb. 2009.

Literature Resource Center (Literary Criticism) – article taken directly from a journal under tab Literary Criticism, Articles, & Work Overviews

Walter C. Farrell, Jr. and Patricia A. Johnson, "Poetic Interpretations of Urban Black Folk Culture: Langston Hughes and the 'Bebop' Era." *MELUS* 8:3 (Fall1981): 57-72. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 11 Nov. 2008.

Literature Resource Center (Biography) – originally published in a reference book

Horn, Jason G. "John Steinbeck." *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. Vol. 275: *Twentieth-Century American Nature Writers: Prose*. Eds. Roger Thompson and J. Scott Bryson, Detroit: Gale, 2003. 314-323. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 10 June 2009.

Opposing Viewpoints (Viewpoint Essay) – originally published in an At Issue series book

Barglow, Raymond. "Therapeutic Cloning Can Save Lives." *At Issue: The Ethics of Human Cloning*. Ed. John Woodward. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2005. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 5 Mar. 2009.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

In-text citations (parenthetical references) are required when you quote or paraphrase an author or source. Not only do the citations give credit to the source, but they also allow readers to locate the source.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Citations should be brief and follow the same pattern as for print sources.
- General format: Author's Last Name & Page Number(s) in Parentheses.

Example of Single Author: The Teach for America regional office will be the pilot site for the early-childhood education initiative (**Jacobson 8**).

- If author's name is included in the sentence, cite the page number.

Example of In-Text Citation When Author's Name is Included in the Text: According to Jacobson, the Teach for America regional office will be the pilot site for the early-childhood education initiative (**8**).

- An In-text citation must correspond to a source listed on the Works Cited page at the end of the paper.

Example of a Work Cited Source:

Jacobson, Linda. "Teach for America Goes to Preschool." *Education Week* 25 (2006): 8. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 05 July 2009.

- The citation should be as close as possible to the quotation or paraphrase, preferably at the end of the sentence before the punctuation mark.
- If the source lacks page numbering, omit the page number. Do not use the page number assigned by the printer.
- It is not necessary to cite references that are common knowledge, such as the years Lincoln was president.

MORE IN-TEXT CITATION EXAMPLES

Author's Name in the Text: Page number only (8).

Single Author: (Jacobson 8).

Two Authors: (Fielding and Alexander 59).

Three Authors: (Wildhorn, Boyd, and Murphy 799).

More Than Three Authors: (Beringer et al. 425-426).

Single Author, Newspaper Article: (Lohr C1).

No Author: Abbreviated version of the title. ("Tales of First-Year Teachers" 9).

No Page Number or One Page: List the author only. (Carter).

Multiple Sources by Same Author: Place a comma after the author's name, shortened title and page. (McPherson, "Ordeal" 142).