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INTRODUCTION: Follow these guidelines to cite sources from the Internet. The basic rules are the same for both print and electronic sources.

Important Update on the Use of URLs in MLA

MLA no longer requires the use of URLs in MLA citations. Because URLs often change and because documents can sometimes be found at multiple web addresses, MLA states that readers can obtain the current URLs via Internet search engines using the work's title or author's name.

Basic Style for Citations of Electronic Sources (Including Online Databases)

Here are some common features you should try to find before citing electronic sources in MLA style. Not every Web page will provide all of the following information. However, collect as much of the following information as possible both for your citations and for your research notes:

- Author and/or editor names (if available)
- Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
- Title of the Website, project, or book in italics. (Remember that some print publications have Web publications with slightly different names. They may, for example, include the additional information or otherwise modified information, like domain names [e.g. .com or .net].)
- Any version numbers available, including revisions, posting dates, volumes, or issue numbers.
- Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use N.p.
- Date of publication (day, month, and year, as available); if unavailable, use n.d.
- Take note of any page numbers (if available).
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NOTE: According to the OWL at Purdue University, cite an ARTICLE on a WEBSITE as follows:

Author(s). "Article Title." *Name of website*. Publisher name, Publication date. Medium of publication. Date of access.

- Use N.p. if no publisher name is available
- Use n.d. if no publishing date is given

Scholarly Project

Siskiyou Women Writers Project. Ed. Rita Browne. College of the Siskiyous, Mar. 2000. College of the Siskiyous. Web. 15 Mar. 2000.

Professional Site

English Department. College of the Siskiyous, 14 May 2009. Web. 20 Apr. 2009.

Personal Site

Miller, Michael. Home page. Web. 5 May 2005.

Book

Cascardi, Anthony J. *Ideologies of History in the Spanish Golden Age*. University Park: Pennsylvania State UP, 1997. *Penn State Romance Studies*. Web. 12 Mar. 2007.

Article in a Reference Database

(Also, see handout for COS Library databases)

“de Kooning, Willem.” *Encyclopedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopedia Britannica, 2008. Web. 15 May 2008.

Article in a Journal

- Use n. pag. if the page number(s) are unavailable

Ouellette, Marc. “Theories, Memories, Bodies, and Artists.” Editorial. *Reconstruction* 7.4 (2007): n. pag. Web. 5 June 2008.

Article in a Magazine

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*. A List Apart Mag., 16 Aug. 2002. Web. 4 May 2009.

Work from a Subscription Service

(EBSCOhost *MasterFile Premier* & *National Newspapers*)

- Use n. pag. if the page number(s) are unavailable

Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." *African American Review*. 32.1 (1998): 9-16. *JSTOR*. Web. 5 June 2008.

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *The Historical Journal* 50.1 (2007): 173-196. *ProQuest*. Web. 27 May 2009.

Posting to a Discussion List

Miller, Ernest. "Frontiersmen Unite." *Frontier: The Continental Electronic Wilderness Conf.* 29 Jul. 1987. Web. 28 Aug. 1997.

Email, Including Email Interviews

Neyhart, David. "Re: Online Tutoring." Message to Joe Barbato. 1 Dec. 2000. Web.