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Works Cited Entry: Research Database

Basic Format

Author's Name. "Title of Article." Name of Journal Date: page. Database Name. Supplier Name. Library Name, City, State. Access Date <URL>.

Actual Example

Smith, Kevin. "Food of the Gods." Chemistry and Industry 16 Feb. 2004: 24. Expanded Academic ASAP. Infotrac. Washtenaw Community College Lib., Ann Arbor, MI. 12 July 2004 <<http://web6.infotrac.galegroup.com>>.

(Note: In MLA works cited style, put the author's last name, then a comma, then his or her first name.)

Works Cited Entry: World Wide Web Site

Basic Format

Author's Name. "Title of Article." Date of Last Update (if given). Name of Web Site. Sponsor of Site (if given). Date of Access <URL>.

Actual Example

"Chocolate Forensics." 12 Feb. 2004. WPI Surface Metrology Laboratory. Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA. 12 July 2004 <<http://www.me.wpi.edu/Research/SurfMet/chocolate.html>>.

(Note: Put the article title in the author position if the work has no author named.)

Works Cited Entry: Electronic Book

Basic Format

Author's Name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, year. Database Name. Date of Access <URL>.

Actual Example

Beckett, S.T. Industrial Chocolate Manufacture and Use. Malden, MA: Blackwell Science, 1999. netLibrary. 12 July 2004 <<http://www.netlibrary.com>>.

For Additional Information about MLA Documentation

- Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed. New York: MLA, 2003.
- Web site: <http://www.mla.org/style>
- Visit the **WCC Library**, first floor of the Gunder Myran Building (973-3429), or the **WCC Writing Center**, LA 355 (973-3647).

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Electronic Database Supplier Names and URLs

Biography Resource Center <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/BioRC>
BooksInPrint.com <http://www.booksinprint.com/bip>
Business & Company Resource Center <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/BCRC>
CQ Researcher <http://library2.cqpress.com/cqresearcher>
FirstSearch Databases <http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org>
Health & Wellness Resource Center <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/HWRC>
Infotrac Databases <http://web7infotrac.galegroup.com>
LexisNexis Academic Universe <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe>
Literature Resource Center <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/LiRC>
Newsbank (*Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*) <http://infoweb.newsbank.com>
Opposing Viewpoints <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/OVRC>
Proquest (*Wall Street Journal*) <http://proquest.umi.com>

Works Cited Entry: Book

Basic Format

Author's Name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, date.

Actual Example

Sebold, Alice. The Lovely Bones. New York: Back Bay, 2004.

Works Cited Entry: Periodical

Basic Format

Author's Name. "Title of Article." Title of Periodical Date: page(s) article is on.

Actual Example

Navarro, Mireya. "Young Japanese-Americans Honor Ethnic Roots." New York Times 2 Aug. 2004: A1.

Works Cited Entry: Film or Video Recording

Basic Format

Title of Film. Director's Name. Names of Key Performers (optional). Distributor, date.

Actual Example

William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Dir. Michael Hoffman. Perf. Kevin Kline and Michelle Pfeiffer. 20th Century-Fox, 1999.

Works Cited Entry: Sound Recording

Basic Format

Artist's Name. Title of Recording. Manufacturer, date.

Actual Example

Orchestra Baobab. Specialist in All Styles. World Circuit/Nonesuch, 2002.