

General Guidelines for Documenting Electronic Sources

Electronic media, unlike print media, lacks a standard method of organizing works. In addition, electronic sources are constantly changing. It is, however, necessary to provide sufficient information on a source to enable the reader to locate that source.

Typically, entries for web sites will include, in order:

1. Author(s) name if given (last name, first.)
2. Name of the web site (underlined)
3. Date of posting or revision if given
4. Name of institution or organization affiliated with the site if there is one
5. Date of access (the date you accessed the site)
6. Complete electronic address < <http://owl.english.purdue.edu> >.

NOTE: It is important to list the date you access the material because many web sites post changes frequently. The information in your paper may change by the time the reader sees your paper. It is also imperative that you include the complete electronic address. MLA requires the angled brackets around the electronic address for clarity.

Article in an online magazine or newspaper

Format:

Name of author. "Title of article." Title of Magazine or Newspaper Date of publication.

Date of access <electronic address>.

Kristol, William. "Doing the Unpopular Thing." Time 23 Apr. 2007. 30 Apr. 2007

<<http://www.time.com>>.

Article in an online encyclopedia or dictionary

Format:

"Title of article or word looked up." Name of encyclopedia or dictionary. Version or edition. Date posted. Name of group affiliation. Date of access <electronic address>.

"Fresco." Britannica Online. Vers. 98.2. April 1998. Encyclopedia Britannica. 8 May

2007 <<http://www.eb.com:180>>.

Article in Encarta Reference Library

"Cartoon." Encarta Reference Library. Vers. 14.0. 2004. Microsoft Corporation. 24

April 2007.

CD-ROM

Braunmuller, A. R., ed. Macbeth. By William Shakespeare. CD-ROM. New York: Voyager, 1994.

