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Examples for Citing Online Full-text Electronic Articles in MLA format (using *MLA Handbook*, 6th edition, 2003)

Articles found in subscription service databases like Ebscohost

Page number tip: If the full text article is in PDF format, you should be able to list the full page range. If HTML, list the first page and then a hyphen to indicate that the article continues. (See p. 229 in the *MLA Handbook* for more information.)

URL tip: MLA recommends including the URL for the article or the URL of the search service's main page (e.g. Ebsco) at the end of your citation. However, the *MLA Handbook* (p. 229) also states that the article URLs can be very long or it can be very difficult to determine the service's URL. In those cases, the URL can be left off the citation. In general, for subscription services such as Ebsco, we recommend you leave off the URL when citing the online full text version of an article.

Magazine Article

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Periodical Title date: pages. Database name. Database Company or host name. Subscribing library's name, City, State of library. Date accessed.

Example (HTML document):

Serquina, Diana. "Roommates: How to Get Along With Them." Career World Feb./Mar. 2004: 18- . Academic Search Premier. Ebscohost. University of Idaho Library, Moscow, ID. 13 Sept. 2004.

Journal (Scholarly) article

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Periodical Title volume.issue (year): pages. Database name. Database Company or host name. Subscribing library's name, City, State of library. Date accessed.

Example (HTML):

Morr, Mary Claire and Paul A. Mongeau. "First-Date Expectations: The Impact of Sex of Initiator, Alcohol Consumption, and Relationship Type." Communication Research 31.1 (2004): 3- . Academic Search Premier. Ebscohost. University of Idaho Library, Moscow, ID. 13 Sept. 2004.

Newspaper Article

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Newspaper title date: pages. Database name. Database Company or host name. Subscribing library's name, City, State of library. Date accessed.

Example:

Wolcott, Jennifer. "Is Dating Dated on College Campuses?" The Christian Science Monitor 2 Mar. 2004: 11. Lexis Nexis Academic. Lexis-Nexis. University of Idaho Library, Moscow, ID. 13 Sept. 2004.

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Articles found in online scholarly journals (not part of Ebsco)

- ❖ A similar format can be used for magazine articles found outside of subscription databases..
- ❖ If the URL is too long, use a shortened part of it, or the domain (e.g. www.name.com). Some online journals provide a stable URL that can be copied and pasted.
- ❖ Some electronic journals are part of a journal database like JSTOR or Project Muse. In this case, if you can easily determine the database, include the database name.

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Periodical Title volume.issue (year): pages. Database name (if journal is part of a database). Date accessed <URL>.

Example of online journal:

Anderson, Craig and Nicholas L. Carnagey. "Exposure to Violent Media: The Effects of Songs With Violent Lyrics on Aggressive Thoughts and Feelings." Journal of Personality and Social Psychology 84.5 (2003): 960-971. 13 Sept. 2004 <<http://ft.csa.com>>.

Example of online journal that is part of a database:

Hesse-Biber, Sharlene, Margaret Marino and Diane Watts-Roy. "A Longitudinal Study of Eating Disorders Among College Women: Factors That Influence Recovery." Gender and Society 13.3 (1999): 385-408. JSTOR. 13 Sept. 2004 <www.jstor.org/view>.

Example of online journal that is part of a database where you can use the whole URL and where no pages are listed:

Knox, Sara L. "A World Made of Glass : Crime, Culture and Community in an Age of Hyper-media." Theory & Event 4.4 (2000). Project Muse. 13 Sept. 2004 <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory_and_event/v004/4.4knox.html>.

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