This worksheet provides a guide to documenting database resources using the MLA (Modern Language Association) Style. Instructors may ask specific additions to this format, including web addresses. For a more detailed explanation of documentation, please consult the MLA Handbook.

*Note – When documenting sources, the first line should be flush with the left margin. Subsequent lines should be indented 5 spaces or ½ inch. Double space entries.

**Formula for Magazines:**
Author’s last name, first name [if known]. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* [italicized] Date of publication: Page numbers ["n. pag." if there is no page]. *Name of Database* [italicized]. Web. Date of access. URL of the website or subscription service followed by a period [if required by the instructor or if helpful to the reader in locating the webpage].

**Formula for Journals:**
Author’s last name, first name [if known]. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* [italicized] Volume. Issue (Year): Page numbers ["n. pag." if there is no page]. *Name of Database* [italicized]. Web. Date of access. URL of the website or subscription service followed by a period [if required by the instructor or if helpful to the reader in locating the webpage].

**Formula for Newspapers:**
Author’s last name, first name [if known]. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* [italicized] Date of publication, edition [if available]; Section and pages. *Name of Database* [italicized]. Web. Date of access. URL of the website or subscription service followed by a period [if required by the instructor or if helpful to the reader in locating the webpage].

Examples below show optional use of URLs

**MAGAZINES**


**JOURNALS**


NEWSPAPERS

POINTS OF VIEW

CQ RESEARCHER

*Information From Non-Library Database Web Sites:

Formula:
Author’s name [if known]. “Title of the Work.” Title of the Site [if applicable]. Name of organization sponsoring the site [if applicable], Date of publication or last update [“n.d.” if there is no date]. Web. Date you accessed the document. URL of the website followed by a period [if required by the instructor or if helpful to the reader in locating the webpage].

WEBSITES

VIDEO GAMES


All of the above examples are for use in a Bibliography or Works Cited list. For further information see:
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UW-Washington Reference (Non-circulating)
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