

# Online Full-Text Databases: Suggestions for Citing Articles (MLA Style)

Based on:

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009. Print.

Use the following format:

**For a Journal:** Author. "Article Title." *Publication Title* Volume. Volume.Issue (Year): Page(s). *Database Name*. Medium. Access Date.

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- **Article Title:** The title of the article, in quotation marks.
- **Publication Title:** The title of the magazine, journal, or newspaper in which the article was published. The publication title should be *in italics* and there is no period following the title.
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Examples:

Knepper, Marty. "Females and Harry Potter: Not All That Empowering." *Journal of Popular Culture* 40.4 (2007): 1083-1084. *ProQuest*. Web. 20 Sept. 2007.

Pike, George H. "The PATRIOT Act Illuminated." *Information Today* May 2007: 17-18. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 19 Dec. 2007.

Savage, David G. "Rules on Political Ads Eased; The Supreme Court Also Narrowly Protects Bush's Faith-Based Initiative." *Los Angeles Times* 26 June 2007, home ed.: A1. *ProQuest Newspapers*. Web. 19 Dec. 2007.

Bogard, Carley Rees. "'The Awakening': A Refusal to Compromise." *University of Michigan Papers in Women's Studies* 2.3 (1977): 15-31. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 19 Dec. 2007.

Fisher, Stanley G. "The Suspension of Habeas Corpus During the War of the Rebellion." *Political Science Quarterly* 3.3 (1888): 454-488. *JSTOR*. Web. 25 June 2009.

Hatch, David. "Drug Company Ethics." *CQ Researcher* 13.22 (2003): 521-544. Web. 2 Apr. 2007.

# Citing Information Found on the Web: Suggestions for MLA-Style Citations

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- **Access Date:** The date you accessed the web page (day, abbreviated month, year).

Examples—citations for articles/documents found on websites:

**Barrett, Ted. "House Passes Bill on Gun Background Checks." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network. 16 Oct. 2003. Web. 16 Oct. 2003.**

**"Albania." *The World Factbook, 2009*. Central Intelligence Agency. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.**

**"Rare White Mountains Plant Recovers: Endangered Species Success Story." *Endangered Species Program*. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 28 Aug. 2003. Web. 16 Oct. 2004.**

**"Chocolate (Health Benefits)." *UAB Medicine*. University of Alabama at Birmingham. 11 Feb. 2008. Web. 4 May 2009.**

Examples—citations for websites:

***CNN.com*. 2003. Cable News Network. Web. 16 Oct. 2003.**

***Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet*. Lib. of Congress, Washington. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.**

***Virtual Hospital*. University of Iowa. Web. 16 Oct. 2003.**