

# Citation Guidelines

Provided are step-by-step instructions for citing the information you find using SIRS Knowledge Source. Ask your instructor which citation format (MLA, APA or Turabian) is preferred.

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## ***MLA (Modern Language Association) Format***

### **Full-Text Articles**

Works Cited entry:

Author's name. "Title of the Article." Original Source of Article Date of original source: page numbers. Name of the Database Used. Name of the Service. Name of Library or Library System, City, State Abbreviation. Date of access <URL of service's homepage>.

Frick, Robert. "Investing in Medical Miracles." Kiplinger's Personal Finance Feb. 1999: 80-87. SIRS Researcher. ProQuest Information and Learning. North Library, Anytown, TX. 25 Feb. 2004 <<http://www.sirs.com>>.

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### **Government Documents**

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Name of government. Name of Department. Name of agency. Article title. Author. Date. <URL retrieved from>. Name of the Database Used. Name of the Service. Name of Library or

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United States. U.S. Department of the Interior. U.S. Geological Survey. Mercury in Stream Ecosystems—New Studies Initiated by the U.S. Geological Survey. By Mark E. Brigham, David P. Krabbenhoft, and Pixie A. Hamilton. March 2003.  
<<http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/FS/fs-016-03/pdf/fs-016-03.pdf>>. SIRS Government Reporter. ProQuest Information and Learning. North Library, Anytown, TX. 25 Feb. 2004  
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<sup>1</sup>United States, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Mercury in Stream Ecosystems—New Studies Initiated by the U.S. Geological Survey, By Mark E. Brigham, David P. Krabbenhoft, and Pixie A. Hamilton, March 2003, N. pag., <<http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/FS/fs-016-03/pdf/fs-016-03.pdf>>. SIRS Government Reporter, ProQuest Information and Learning, North Library, Anytown, TX. 25 Feb. 2004 <<http://www.sirs.com>>.

## **Graphics & Media**

"Title of graphic." Graphic Type. Copyright Holder. Name of site providing graphic. Date of access <URL of service's homepage>.

"Afghanistan." Map. Magellan Geographix. SIRS Knowledge Source. 25 Feb. 2004  
<<http://www.sirs.com>>.

"Chart C: Unemployment Rides the Up Escalator." Chart. Jewel Becker Simmons. SIRS Knowledge Source. 25 Feb. 2004 <<http://www.sirs.com>>.

## **Internet Sites**

Title of Internet Site. Name of the editor, compiler, or translator (if available). Date of most recent electronic publication (if known). Sponsoring organization or institution. Date of access <Electronic address or URL>.

The Victorian Web: An Overview. Ed. George Landow. June 2000. Brown University. 25 Feb. 2004  
<<http://landow.stg.brown.edu/victorian/victov.html>>.

## **Leading Issues**

Title of Internet Site. Name of the editor, compiler, or translator (if available). Date of most recent electronic publication (if known). Sponsoring organization or institution. Date of access.

Leading Issues: Capital Punishment Overview. ProQuest Information and Learning, 28 Feb. 2005  
<<http://sks.sirs.com>>.

## **APA (American Psychological Association) Format**

### **Full-Text Articles**

#### References format:

Author, Initial. (date of original source). Article title. *Original Source of Article*, page numbers. Retrieved [month day, year] from [source] database ([name of database]).

Frick, R. (1999, February). Investing in medical miracles. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, pp. 80-87. Retrieved February 25, 2004 from SIRS Knowledge Source database (SIRS Researcher).

#### Note entry:

Instead of footnote or endnote, the author's last name and the publication year/date of access are placed in parentheses within the body of the text. If the author's name is not available, cite the first two or three words of the article's title in quotes:

(Frick, 1999/February 25, 2004)  
("Investing in," 1999/February 25, 2004)

### **Government Documents**

Main government agency that released article. (Date of original source). *Article title*. URL article retrieved from. Retrieved [month day, year] from [source] database ([name of database]).

U.S. Geological Survey. (February 17, 2004). *Stream Ecosystems—New Studies Initiated by the U.S. Geological Survey*. Retrieved from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/FS/fs-016-03/pdf/fs-016-03.pdf>. Retrieved Feb. 25, 2003 from SIRS Knowledge Source database (SIRS Government Reporter).

### **Graphics & Media**

Artist or Copyright Holder. (year, month day of first publication). Title. [[Media type.]] *Original Publication*. Retrieved [month day, year], from [service] database ([database]).

Lon Tweeten. (2001, October 22). The Next Wave: Ground War in Afghanistan. [Graphic]. *Time Magazine*. Retrieved February 25, 2004, from SIRS Researcher database (ProQuest Information and Learning).

### **Internet Sites**

Name of Specific Document. (Date of online publication, Year, Month Day). Location of Sponsoring Organization: Name of Sponsoring Organization. Retrieved (date of retrieval, Month Day, Year) from World Wide Web: URL of page beginning with <http://> [note: do not add closing punctuation as this may affect retrieval]

NMHA News Release. (2000, June 15). Alexandria, VA: National Mental Health Association. Retrieved February 25, 2004 from World Wide Web: <http://www.nmha.org/newsroom/system/news.vw.cfm?do=vw&rid=212>

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To cite an entire Web site (but not a specific document on the site), it's sufficient to give the address of the site in the text. No reference entry is needed. For example:

Mental Health InfoSource provides quality mental health information for the professional as well as the layperson (<http://www.mhsource.com/>).

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Name of Specific Document. (Date of online publication, Year, Month Day). Location of Sponsoring Organization: Name of Sponsoring Organization. Retrieved (date of retrieval, Month Day, Year) from World Wide Web: URL of page beginning with <http://> [note: do not add closing punctuation as this may affect retrieval]

Leading Issues: Capital Punishment Pro/Con. Boca Raton: ProQuest Information and Learning. Retrieved February 28, 2005 from World Wide Web: <http://sks.sirs.com>

## ***Turabian Format***

### **Full-Text Articles**

#### Bibliography entry:

Author. "Article title." *Original source of article*, date of original source, page numbers.

Available on *Product name*: URL of site (Location of site publisher: publisher, date of access).

Frick, Robert. "Investing in Medical Miracles." *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, February 1999, 80-87. Available on *SIRS Knowledge Source*: <http://www.sirs.com> (Boca Raton, Fla.: ProQuest Information and Learning, 25 February 2004).

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Brown University. *The Victorian Web: An Overview*. June 2000. Internet on-line. <<http://landow.stg.brown.edu/victorian/victov.html>>. (February 25, 2004).

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ProQuest Information and Learning. Leading Issues: Capital Punishment Overview. Internet on-line. <<http://sks.sirs.com>> (February 28, 2006).

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**Please note that the guidelines for citing electronic sources are not yet completely standardized.** Detailed guidelines on documenting online sources are explained in the sixth edition of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (2003) and the fifth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2001). Since there is no official Turabian standard for documenting online sources, the examples above provide only one possible interpretation.