This handout is a short guide for citing commonly used electronic sources using Modern Language Association (MLA) style. For additional information, consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th ed.), available in Quick Reference and in the stacks under call number PE2369.G 5 2009. The *Style Manuals Library Guide*, available from the link “Citation/Writing Help” on the WSU Libraries homepage ([http://libraries.wichita.edu](http://libraries.wichita.edu)) contains links to online guides and websites with more examples.

When citing, you must give the reader enough information to locate the source. In MLA style, sources are briefly cited within the text and a full bibliographic entry is included in a Works Cited page at the end. Below are examples of bibliographic entries for electronic sources. Consistency is essential.

Note: With the 7th edition, URLs are no longer required for web sources and should only be used if necessary to identify source. If included, it should come at end of citation in angled brackets, <URL>.

**Webpage**

If no publication date given, use n.d.

Author (if known). “Title of Page.” *Name of Site*. Name of publisher/sponsor of site, date of publication. *Medium of publication*. Date accessed.


**Electronic Articles from Subscription Database**


**Beware:** Some databases will automatically generate a citation for you. However, there are often things that need to be changed. Make sure you proofread these and make appropriate changes.
Electronic Articles available freely online

Author. “Article Title.” Title of Periodical. Publication Date: Pages (if available). Medium of publication. Date accessed.


Electronic Book

Author. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Database name or Website. Medium of publication. Date accessed.


Electronic Dissertation/Thesis

Author. Title of Thesis. Diss. (or MA/MS Thesis). Institution granting degree, year. Database name or Website. Medium of publication. Date accessed.


Blog Posting

Author. "Title of Entry." Title of Weblog. Name of sponsor/publisher (if available), date of publication. Medium of publication. Date accessed.