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Oser discusses the possible negative publicity for businesses who advertise on MySpace, the world's fifth largest online social network (23).

In a recent article about weblogs, the author discusses the formation of a blogging community (Hartelius 71).

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Works Cited Page

The examples provided below are for the most common types of citations. For other examples, please consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (found in the library on permanent reserve and in the reference area), or ask a librarian for assistance.

Books

Reference to an entire book:

Morrison, Frederick J., Heather J. Backman, and Carol McDonald Connor. Improving Literacy in America: Guidelines from Research. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.

Later edition of a book:

Crews, Kenneth D. Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators: Creative Strategies and Practical Solutions. 2nd ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 2006.

Entry in an encyclopedia:

Wasserman, David, and Jerome E. Bickenbach. "Justice." Encyclopedia of Disability. Ed. Gary L. Albrecht. 5 vols. London: Sage, 2006.

Article or chapter in an edited book:

Scott, Kimberley. A. "Case Study: African-American Girls and Their Families." The State of Black America, 2003. Ed. L. A. Daniels. Washington, D.C.: National Urban League, 2003. 181-195.

Print periodicals

Journal article, paginated by issue:

England, Paula. "Gender Inequality in Labor Markets: The Role of Motherhood in Segregation." Social Politics 12.2 (2005): 264-288.

Journal article, two authors, paginated by volume:

Ogle, James M., and V. Ramakrishnan. "Structural Insights into Translational Fidelity." Annual Review of Biochemistry 74 (2005): 129-177.

Based on: Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 6th ed. New York: The Modern Language Association, 2003.

Journal article, more than three authors:

Knight, Tiffany M., *et al.* "Pollen Limitation of Plant Reproduction: Pattern and Process." Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics 36 (2005): 467-497.

Magazine article:

Deluga, G. A., *et al.* "Renewable Hydrogen from Ethanol by Autothermal Reforming." Science 13 Feb. 2004: 993-997.

Daily newspaper article:

Hansen, Mark. "3 Days at Wal-Mart, 15 Minutes of Fame." The Des Moines Register 28 Mar. 2006: A1.

Newspaper article, no author:

"Making Housing Affordable." The Iowa City Press-Citizen 14 Mar. 2006: A13.

Book Review:

White, M. "Book Review: A Social History of Hobo Workers." Rev. of Indispensable Outcasts: Hobo Workers and Community in the American Midwest, 1880-1930, by Frank Tobias Higbie. Industrial Worker 101.10 (2004): 8.

Electronic Media**Electronic copy of journal article, retrieved from database (such as an EBSCOHost database):**

Hartelius, E. Johanna. "A Content-Based Taxonomy of Blogs and the Formation of a Virtual Community." Kaleidoscope: A Graduate Journal of Qualitative Communication Research 4 (2005): 71-91. Communication and Mass Media Complete. EBSCOHost. Geisler Lib., Central College, Pella, IA. 29 Mar. 2006 <www.central.edu/library/libhome.htm>.

Article in an Internet-only journal:

Oba, Mitsutoshi. "Japanese Artists in New York Between the World Wars: A New Chapter in American Art." Part 4 (1999). 29 Mar. 2006 <<http://brickhaus.com/amoore/magazine/oba.html>>.

Non-periodical material on the Internet:

"Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938." American Memory Project. 2001. The Library of Congress. 29 Mar. 2006 <<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>>.

Sound recording or sound clip on the Internet:

Thomas, Dylan. "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night." 1937. The Poems of Dylan Thomas. 1953. Poets.org. The Academy of American Poets. 30 Mar. 2006 <<http://poets.org>> Path: Poets & Poetry; Listening Booth.

Painting, sculpture, or photograph on the Internet:

Hassam, Childe. The South Ledges, Appledore. 1913. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C. Art Resource. 30 Mar. 2006 <<http://www.artres.com>> Path: Our Primary Sources; Smithsonian American Art Museum.

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