

## **SIRS Citation Guidelines**

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

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

#### **Periodical Article**

Author's name. "Title of the Article." *Original Source of Article*. Date of publication: page numbers (if none, use "n.pag."). *Title of the Database*. Web. Date of access (day, month and year).

Motavalli, Jim. "The Meat of the Matter." *E Magazine* July-Aug. 2008: 26-33. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 19 March 2009.

#### **Reference Book Article**

Author name (if known). "Title of article." *Title of the Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. *Title of the Database*. Web. Date of access (day, month and year).

Esposito, John L. "Capital Punishment." *The Islamic World: Past and Present* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 19 March 2009.

#### **Government Documents**

Name of government. Name of Agency. *Title of Publication*. City of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. *Title of the Database*. Web. Date of access (date, month and year).

United States. Department of State. *Background Notes: Aruba*. Washington: GPO, 2009. *SIRS Government Reporter*. Web. 19 March 2009.

#### **Graphics & Media**

"Title of graphic." Graphic Type. Publisher, Date of Publication. *Title of the Database*. Web. Date of access (date, month, and year).

"Afghanistan." Map. Magellan Geographix, 1999. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 19 March 2009.

"Small Business, Big Employer." Chart. *MCT*, 16 March 2009. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 19 March 2009.

## Internet Sites

Name of the editor, compiler, or translator (if available). "Title of the Work." (if distinct from the site) *Title of the Web Site*. Publisher or Sponsor of Site (if unknown, use "n.p."), Date of publication (day, month and year; if unknown, use "n.d."). Web. Date of access (day, month and year).

George Landow, Ed. "Victorian Science: An Overview." *The Victorian Web*. Brown University, 14 April 2007. Web. 19 March 2009.

## Leading Issues

Name of the editor, compiler, or translator (if available). "Title of the Work." (if distinct from the site) *Title of the Web Site*. Publisher or Sponsor of Site (if unknown, use "n.p."), Date of publication (day, month and year; if not known, use "n.d."). Web. Date of access (day, month and year).

"Leading Issues: Capital Punishment Overview." *SIRS Researcher*. ProQuest LLC, 2009. Web. 19 March 2009.

## 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 LLC).

## 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>

### Note entry:

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. 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 LLC. Retrieved February 28, 2006 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.proquestk12.com> (Boca Raton, Fla.: ProQuest Information and Learning, 25 February 2004).

#### Note entry:

Number of footnote Author, "Article title," Original source of article, date of original source, page numbers, Product name: URL of site (Location of site publisher: publisher, date of access).

<sup>1</sup>Frick, Robert, "Investing in Medical Miracles," Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Feb. 1999, 80-87, SIRS Knowledge Source: <http://www.proquestk12.com> (Boca Raton, Fla.: ProQuest LLC, 25 February 2004).

### Government Documents

#### Bibliography entry:

Issuing agency. *Article title*, Author. Government district, Date of original article. Available on *Product name*: URL of site (Location of site publisher: publisher, date of access).

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. Washington, D.C., March 2003. Available on *SIRS Knowledge Source*: <http://www.proquestk12.com> (Boca Raton, Fla.: ProQuest LLC, 25 February 2004).

#### Note entry:

Number of footnote Issuing agency. *Title*, Author (Government district, Date of original article), page number, Product name: URL of site (Location of site publisher: publisher, date of access), page numbers.

<sup>1</sup>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, (Washington, D.C., March 2003), *SIRS Knowledge Source*: <http://www.proquestk12.com> (Boca Raton, Fla.: ProQuest LLC, 25 February 2004).

## 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 February 2004 <<http://www.proquestk12.com>>.

## Internet Sites

Name of sponsoring organization or institution. *Title of Internet site*. Date of site. Internet on-line. <Electronic address or URL>. (Date of access).

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

## Leading Issues

Name of sponsoring organization or institution. *Title of Internet site*. Date of site. Internet on-line. <Electronic address or URL>. (Date of access).

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

**\*\* Please, note that the guidelines for citing electronic sources are not yet completely standardized.**

Detailed guidelines on documenting online sources are explained in the seventh edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (2009) 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.

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