

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).

Landow, George, 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

Periodicals

Author Surname, Initials. (Date published as Year, Month Day). Article title. *Publication Name, Volume*(Issue), page numbers, if provided. Retrieved from Homepage URL

Maxwell, S. (2009, April 19). Morals aside, death penalty is flawed. *Orlando Sentinel*. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Berns, W. (2008, February 4). Religion and the death penalty: Can't have one without the other? *Weekly Standard*, 18-19. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Note: Not all publications offer volume and issue information. For document title and subtitle (if any), capitalize only the first word and any proper nouns. For homepage URL, it is no longer necessary to reference the database name or date of access. Do not include period after URL.

Reference Book Entry

Author Surname, Initials. (Year published). Entry title. In Book Author/Editor Initials. Surname (Ed.), *Reference Book Title*. Publisher Location City, Country: Publisher Name. Retrieved from Homepage URL

Esposito, J.L. (2004). Capital punishment. In J.L. Esposito (Ed.), *The Islamic world: Past and present*. London, England: Oxford University Press. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Note: For document title and subtitle (if any), capitalize only the first word and any proper nouns. For homepage URL, it is no longer necessary to reference the database name or date of access. Do not include period after URL.

Government Document

Government agency releasing document. (Year, Month Published). *Document Title* (Issue Brief Number--if provided). Retrieved from Homepage URL

Department of State. (2009, August). *Background notes: Croatia*. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Note: For document title and subtitle (if any), capitalize only the first word and any proper nouns. For homepage URL, it is no longer necessary to reference the database name or date of access. Do not include period after URL.

Map

Creator Name (Contribution). (Publication Date). Title [Media type]. Retrieved From Homepage URL

Magellan Geographix (Publisher). (1996). Louisiana [Political Map]. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Note: For document title and subtitle (if any), capitalize only the first word and any proper nouns. For homepage URL, it is no longer necessary to reference the database name or date of access. Do not include period after URL.

Photo or Graphic

Creator Surname, Initials (Contribution), and Copyright Holder (Contribution). (Copyright year). Title of Image [Media type]. Retrieved From Homepage URL

Yingling, M. (Artist), and MCT (Publisher). (2009). Jobless rate by state, August 2009 [Graphic]. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Note: APA, Sixth edition, does not include a specific example for an image or graphic. The above examples represent one possible interpretation based on guidelines provided on p. 209 of the Publication Manual. For document title and subtitle (if any), capitalize only the first word and any proper nouns. For homepage URL, it is no longer necessary to reference the database name or date of access. Do not include period after URL.

SIRS WebSelect Sites

Name of Specific Document. (Date of online publication, Year, Month Day). In *Name of online reference work*. Retrieved from Homepage URL

Paradigm. (2009). In *Cambridge Dictionaries Online*. Retrieved from <http://cambridge.dictionary.org>

Note: Since WebSelect includes links to external Websites, it is not necessary to reference the recommending database in the reference, based on guidelines provided on p. 192 of the Sixth Edition of the APA Publication Manual.

SIRS Leading Issues

Leading Issue Name. (Publication Year). In *SIRS Issues Researcher: Leading Issues*. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Eating disorders topic overview. (2009). In *SIRS Issues Researcher: Leading Issues*. Retrieved from <http://sks.sirs.com>

Note: Applying the guidance for "Entry in an online reference work" (p. 205) for this instance. For document title and subtitle (if any), capitalize only the first word and any proper nouns. For homepage URL, it is no longer necessary to reference the database name or date of access. Do not include period after URL.

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 LLC, 25 September 2009).

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).

¹Frick, 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 September 2009).

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 September 2009).

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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.

¹U.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 September 2009).

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 September 2009 <<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, 2009).

SIRS 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>> (April 28, 2009).

**** 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 sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (2010). Since there is no official Turabian standard for documenting online sources, the examples above provide only one possible interpretation.

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