

## Citation Guidelines

### What Is Source Information?

Source information, sometimes called bibliographic information, is important for thorough research. Whenever you use information from **SIRS Discoverer**<sup>®</sup> for a report or other assignment, you must identify (cite) the original publication that contained the information, SIRS Discoverer, and in some cases The World Almanac<sup>®</sup> for Kids or Compton's by Britannica<sup>®</sup> Encyclopedia.

### Where Do I Find Source Information?

Because it is such an important element of research, source information is available in several places in SIRS Discoverer. It appears automatically with all search results, and a link is also provided from the full-text of each article. Source information is included with all pictures, maps and charts as well.

### How Do I Cite Information from SIRS Discoverer?

Examples for citing information from all databases within SIRS Discoverer on the Web are available below using Modern Language Association format, American Psychological Association format and Turabian format. Ask your instructor which citation format (MLA, APA or Turabian) is preferred.

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#### [APA \(American Psychological Association\) Format](#)

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# MLA (Modern Language Association) Format

## Periodical Articles

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).

Entin, Carli. "Doggie Dollars." *Scholastic DynaMath* Jan. 2009: 4+. *SIRS Discoverer*. Web. 1 October 2009.

## Reference Book Articles

Author name (if provided). "Title of article." *Title of the Book*. Edition (if known). Year. *Title of the Database*. Web. Date of access (day month year).

"Maya Angelou." *Biography for Beginners: African-American Leaders, Vol. 2*. 2008. *SIRS Discoverer*. Web. 1 October 2009.

"Ancient Asia." *The World Almanac for Kids 2009*. 2009. *SIRS Discoverer*. Web. 1 October 2009.

"Terrorism." *Compton's by Britannica*. 2006. *SIRS Discoverer*. Web. 1 October 2009.

## Independent Map or Chart

*Title*. Graphic Type. City of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. *Title of the Database*. Web. Date of access (day month year).

*Afghanistan*. Map. Santa Barbara: Magellan Geographix, 1998. *SIRS Discoverer*. Web. 1 October 2009.

## Map or Chart within an Article

"Title." Graphic Type. "Title of Article." By Author. *Source of Article* Publication Date: Page Numbers. *Title of the Database*. Web. Date of access (day month year).

"Iditarod Race Route." Map. "Cool Runnings." By Cody Crane. *Science World* 23 February 2009: 8+. *SIRS Discoverer*. Web. 1 October 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 year).

Anthes, Richard. "Hurricane and Typhoon." *Extreme Weather*. Scholastic, Inc., n.d. Web. 1 October 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

Entin, C. (2009, January). Doggie dollars. *Scholastic DynaMath* 27(4), p. 4+. Retrieved <http://discoverer.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.

### Reference Book Entries

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

Maya Angelou. (2008). In L.L. Harris (Ed.), *Biography for Beginners—African American Leaders* (Vol. 2, pp. 18-24). Pleasant Ridge, MI: Favorable Impressions. Retrieved from <http://discoverer.sirs.com>

Ancient Asia. (2009). In C.A. Joyce (Ed.), *The World Almanac for Kids 2009*. Pleasantville, NY: World Almanac Education. Retrieved from <http://discoverer.sirs.com>

Terrorism. (2006). In *Compton's by Britannica*. Chicago, IL: Encyclopedia Britannica. Retrieved from <http://discoverer.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.

## Graphics & Media

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

Barm/Fame Pictures (Copyright Holder). (2009). Anjana the Chimp and Tiger Cub  
[Photograph]. Retrieved from <http://discoverer.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.

## Internet Sites

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

Extreme weather. (2009). In *Weather Watch*. Retrieved from  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/researchstarters/weather/>

Note: Since WebFind includes links to external Websites, it is not necessary to reference the recommending database in the citation, based on guidelines provided on p. 192 of the Sixth Edition of the APA Publication Manual. Do not include period after URL.

## Turabian Format

### Full-Text Articles

Bibliography Style entry:

Author Last name, First name. "Article title." *Original source of article* Volume, Number (Publication Date): Pages. URL (accessed Date of Access).

Entin, Carli. "Doggie Dollars." *Scholastic DynaMath* (January 2009): 4+.  
<http://discoverer.sirs.com> (accessed October 1, 2009).

### Bibliography Note Style entry:

Note Number Author's First and Last Names, "Article title," *Original source of article* Volume, Number (Date of Publication): Page Numbers. URL (accessed Date of Access).

<sup>1</sup>Carli Entin, "Doggie Dollars." *Scholastic DynaMath Vol 27, No. 4* (January 2009): 4+. <http://discoverer.sirs.com> (accessed October 1, 2009).

### Reference List Style entry:

Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. Date of Publication. Title of article:  
Subtitle of article. *Title of Journal* Volume, Number (Additional Date Information): Page Numbers. URL (accessed Date of Access).

Entin, Carli. 2009. Doggie Dollars. *Scholastic DynaMath Vol 27, No 4* (January): 4+. <http://discoverer.sirs.com> (accessed October 1, 2009).

### Parenthetical Style entry:

(Author's Last Name Date of Publication, Page Numbers)

(Entin January 2009, 4+)

### **Graphics & Media** [Cite only in Note format]

Note number "Name of Graphic," Type of Graphic, *Graphic Creator*, Publication/Creation Month Year, Page Number. URL (accessed Date of Access).

<sup>1</sup>. "Anjana the Chimp and Tiger Cub," photograph, *Barm/Fame Pictures*, January 2009. <http://discoverer.sirs.com> (accessed October 1, 2009).

### **Internet Sites**

Name of author or sponsoring institution. "Title of Web page." Title or owner of site. URL (accessed Date of access).

Anthes, Richard. "Hurricanes and Typhoons." Scholastic Inc.  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/researchstarters/weather/>  
(accessed October 1, 2009).

**Detailed guidelines on documenting online sources are explained in the seventh edition of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (2009), the sixth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2010) and the Seventh Edition of A Manual for Writers by Kate Turabian (2007).**

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