MLA Style

Tips for Citing Material Found Electronically:

With the new edition to the MLA Handbook, providing retrieval information can get a little confusing. Here is a simple run down on citing electronic material.

You need to ask yourself two questions:

1. Was the item published online only or in another medium, like print or film, in addition to online?
2. Is the item a periodical or not? Note that many print periodicals are not necessarily a periodical when online. For example, many newspaper and magazine articles online do not correlate to a print version.

Here’s the breakdown:

Retrieval Information is marked in red.

1.) Non-Periodicals/Online Only
Include in this order:
- Author
- Title of Item
- Title of Website
- Publisher/Sponsor
- Date
- Medium (Web)
- Date of Access

2.) Non-Periodicals/Online Version of Another Medium
Include in this order:
- Author
- Title of Item
- Publication Info (standard info depending on the type of item)
- Date
- Title of Website or Database
- Medium (Web)
- Date of Access

3.) Periodicals/Online Only
Include in this order:
- Author
- Title of Item
- Publication Info (standard info)
- Date
- Medium (Web)
- Date of Access

4.) Periodicals/Online Version of Another Medium
Include in this order:
- Author
- Title of Item
- Publication Info (standard info)
- Date
- Title of Database or Online Archive
- Medium (Web)
- Date of Access

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