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Citing Internet Resources

Just as students need to cite the books and periodicals they use to support their research, they must also cite online sources of information. Classroom Connect developed the following method to help students cite Internet sources as accessed through their Internet browsers. This method makes it easy for educators to check the veracity of every online source their students cite. We've also included new information specifying how to cite the graphics, sounds, and video clips students retrieve for use in their multimedia presentations.

EMAIL

Structure:

Sender of email message <sender's email address>. Subject line of the message.

Date of message (day, month, year). Email recipient <recipient's email address>.

Example:

Meredith, Paige <pmeredith@classroom.com>. "RE: Museums in Paris." 17 August 2001. Christine Borrer <chrisyborrer@yahoo.com>.

WORLD WIDE WEB

Structure:

Author or originator. Title of item. [Online] Date of document or download (day, month, year). URL <http://address/filename>.

Example:

U.S. Census Bureau. "American FactFinder: Facts About My Community." [Online] 17 August 2001. <<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>>.

ONLINE IMAGES

Structure:

Author or originator. Description or title of image. [Online image] Date of document or download (day, month, year). URL <http://address/filename>.

Example:

USGS. "Map: Major Volcanoes in Ecuador." [Online image] 17 August 2001. <http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Volcanoes/Ecuador/Maps/map_ecuador_volcanoes.html>.

ONLINE SOUNDS

Structure:

Author or originator. Description or title of sound. [Online sound] Date of document or download (day, month, year). URL <http://address/filename>.

Example:

Jussi Bjorling Home Page. "Di quella pira," aria from *Il Travatore*, by Guiseppe Verdi. [Online sound] 30 November 1999. <<http://www.geocities.com/Vienna/Strasse/3468/bjorling.htm>>.

ONLINE VIDEO CLIPS

Structure:

Author or originator. Description or title of video clip. [Online video clip] Date of document or download (day, month, year). URL <<http://address/filename>>.

Example:

Zoological Society of San Diego. "Indian Rhino Calf Born at Park," e-zoo videos, San Diego Zoo. [Online video clip] 17 August 2001.
<<http://www.sandiegozoo.com/virtualzoo/videos/index.html>>.

FTP (File Transfer Protocol)

Structure:

Author or originator. Title of item. [Online] Date of document or download (day, month, year). URL <<http://address/filename>>.

Example:

Oppenheimer, Frank. "Exhibit Collection and Design at the San Francisco Exploratorium Museum." [Online] 1 December 1999.
<ftp://ftp.exploratorium.edu/pub/publications/Exhibit_Conception_And_Design>.

USENET NEWSGROUPS

Structure:

Author or originator. Title of item. [Online] Date of document or download (day, month, year). URL <<http://address/filename>>.

Example:

Google Groups. "Plato's Real Name." [Online] 17 August 2001.
<<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&safe=off&th=e19ab821b99e42ee,6>>.

CITATION SOURCES

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<<http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html>>

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<<http://www.mla.org>>

McCullen, Carolyn. "The Electronic Thread," *Middle Ground* Oct. 1999: 7-9 and 52.
<<http://www.nmsa.org>>.

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