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Article Title	"Article." Enclose in quotation marks Include a period within last quotation marks	"Vanishing Polar Bears."
Publication Name	Publication Underline on bib. cards Italicize in paper (No end mark)	<i>Alaskan Travel</i>
Volume and Issue	Volume.Issue Include if provided Use numerals; separate with a period (No end mark)	112.39
Publication Date	(Day Month Year): Begin with day; follow with month and year Abbreviate names of months Enclose in parentheses; end with a colon (No commas; no parentheses if no vol./issue)	(15 Dec. 2009):
Page Number/Range	Page number(s). Use numerals End with a period (Use n.pag. if no page number is provided)	46-51.
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Medium	Medium. End with a period	Web.
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Smith, John. "Vanishing Polar Bears." *Alaskan Travel* 112.39 (15 Dec. 2009): 46-51. *SIRS Researcher.*
3 Jan. 2010. <<http://sks.sirs.com/>>.

Samples for PHS databases are listed below.

GALE STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

“Hurricane Mitch Pounds Central America.” *Historic World Events*. Detroit: Gale, 2004. *Student Resource Center – Silver*. Web. 3 June 2011.

“News Maker: Ralph Nader.” *Time for Kids* 9.19 (5 Mar. 2004): 3. *Student Resource Center-Silver*. Web. 17 Dec. 2010.

INSPIRE (Recommendation: Use the *Student Research Center*)

“Two Ways to Webcast.” *Popular Science* 267.2 (Aug. 2005): 90. *Health Source-Consumer Edition*. Web. 24 Aug. 2011.

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK/COIN 3

United States. Department of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics. “Administrative Services Managers.” *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. 2008-09. Web. 24 Aug. 2011.

OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS RESOURCE CENTER (part of The Gale Group)

“An Excerpt from the United Nations Development Programme.” *Opposing Viewpoints Digests: The Environment*. Ed. Scott Barbour. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2000. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 16 Feb. 2010.

Whitelaw, Kevin. “The Sun Never Sets on Penguins and Volcanos.” *U. S. News and World Report* 123.1 (7 July 1997): 50-1. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 12 Nov. 2010.

SIRS RESEARCHER

Yee, Daniel. “U.S. Bodies Have Fewer Dangerous Chemicals.” *Macon Telegraph* 22 July 2005: n.pag. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 25 Aug. 2011.

2. A web site or an article on a web site

The generic citation for a personal web site:

Author(s). *Name of Web Site*. (If no name, use Home page or Online listing without italicizing.) Date of Posting/Revision. Medium. Date of Access.

Paris, Sandy. *Favorite Poems*. N.p., 7 Jan. 2011. Web. 25 Aug. 2011.

Eschel, Thomas. Home page. N. p., 19 Apr. 2009. Web. 1 Sept. 2011.

The generic citation form for a professional web site:

Author(s). *Name of Page*. Name of Institution/Organization Affiliated with the Site (sponsor or publisher), Date of Posting/Revision. Medium. Date of Access.

Guide to Literary Terms. Tarkington University, 17 Dec. 2010. Web. 15 Aug. 2011.

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Author(s). "Article Title." *Name of Web Site*. Name of Institution/Organization Affiliated with the Site (sponsor or publisher), Date of Posting/Revision. Medium. Date of Access.

Poland, Dave. "The Hot Button." *Roughcut*. Turner Network Television, 28 Mar. 2007. Web. 7 Jul. 2010.

3. An online reference work

Author(s). "Article Title." *Name of Online Reference*. Name of Institution/Organization Affiliated with the Site (sponsor or publisher), Date. Medium. Date of Access.

"Hitler, Adolf." *Britannica Online Encyclopedia*. Encyclopedia Britannica, 2010. Web. 5 Sept. 2011.

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