

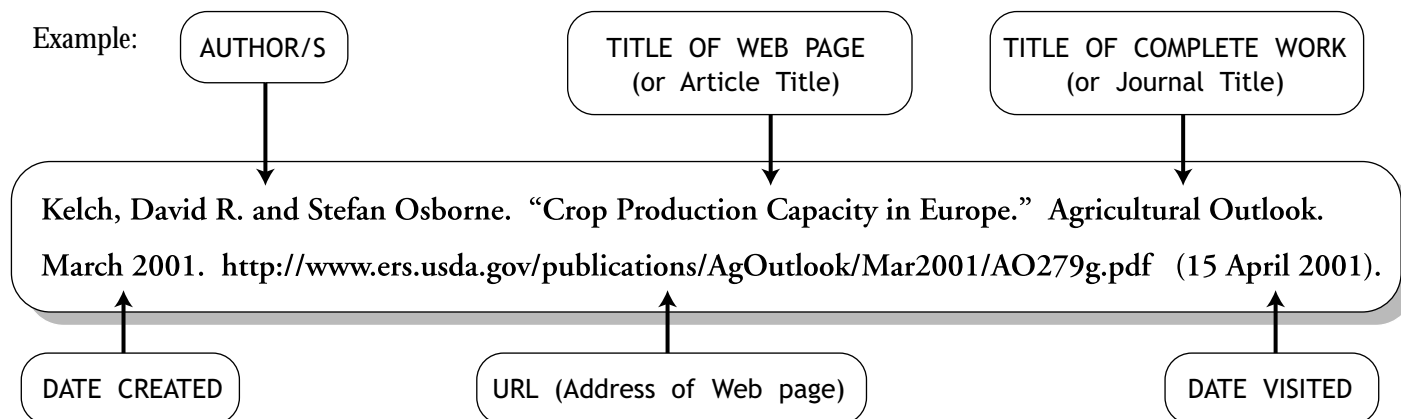
# Using the Web as a Source of Information? Make sure your citations are correct...

## Suggested Formats for Citing Web Pages

Many style guides exist for citing information sources (APA, MLA, Chicago Style, etc.). While variations in style abound, the basic components of a citation remain the same: Author (if known), Title, Publication Information, Date.

When citing a Web page, the author of the document is listed first (if an author is given) and the title of the page should be easily identified. Instead of publication information, the URL (Uniform Resource Locator) is given. The date created should be the date on the web page. The date you visited the page is given in parentheses at the end of the citation.

Example:



The above example illustrates the basic citation components. Whether you use italics, underline, or parentheses will depend on the style guide you follow (as determined by your instructor or department). Below is a selective list of documents from the Web which cite electronic sources. Consult the individual sites for descriptions and examples.

**Title:** Online! Citation Styles

**URL:** [www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html](http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html)

**Style:** APA, CBE, MLA, Turabian

**Description:** A hypertext guide to citing electronic sources and online materials, complete with examples.

**Title:** Electronic Reference Formats Recommended by the American Psychological Association

**URL:** [www.apa.org/journals/webref.html](http://www.apa.org/journals/webref.html)

**Style:** APA

**Description:** This is the APA's recommendations for citing entire Web sites, e-mail communication, and articles and abstracts from electronic databases.

**Title:** Documenting Sources from the Web

**URL:** [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)

**Style:** MLA

**Description:** The only guidelines available on the Web authorized by Modern Language Association of America. Click on the link to MLA Style, then go to the Frequently Asked Questions about the MLA Style.

**Title:** Columbia Guide to Online Style

**URL:** [www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/cgos/idx\\_basic.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/cgos/idx_basic.html)

**Style:** APA, CBE, Chicago, MLA

**Description:** This guide includes both humanities style (MLA, Chicago) and scientific style (APA, CBE).

**Title:** Citing Electronic Sources

**URL:** [learning.loc.gov/learn/resources/cite/index.html](http://learning.loc.gov/learn/resources/cite/index.html)

**Style:** MLA, Turabian

**Description:** Compiled by the Library of Congress, this site has suggestions for citing digitized materials found on the Web such as maps, photographs, recorded sound, etc.