

Citation Anatomy

Part 1 – Citation decoding

Do you know what makes up a citation? This part of the exercise is to help you in identifying the various citation components. For each of the following citations, write down the requested information.

1. Book:

Mayer, Jeremy. Running on Race : Racial Politics in Presidential Campaigns, 1960-2000. New York : Random House, c2002

Author: _____

Date of publication : _____

Place of publication: _____

Publisher: _____

Title: _____

2. Full-text article in a database:

Slonim, Shlomo. "The Electoral College at Philadelphia: The Evolution of an Ad Hoc Congress for the Selection of a President." The Journal of American History 73.1 (1986): 35-58. JSTOR. 12 August 2004. <<http://links.jstor.org/search>>.

Author: _____

Database: _____

Date: _____

Date of access: _____

Issue: _____

Page number: _____

Title of article: _____

Title of journal: _____

URL: _____

Volume: _____

3. Source on the Web:

“U. S. Electoral College.” National Archives and Records Administration. 12 August 2004
<http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/electoral_college/>.

Date viewed: _____

Sponsoring Group:: _____

Title of web page: _____

URL: _____

Part 2 – Puzzle pieces

When you do research for your assignments, you will need to note from which sources you got your information. Following is the kind of information you would need to write down in order to put together a bibliography of sources used. In this exercise, the information about the sources has already been gathered and you just need to put together the pieces of information to form the citations in the space provided following the models in Part I.

4. Book:

Author: Bernard A. Weisberger
Date of publication: 2001
Place of publication: New York, NY
Publisher: Perennial
Title: America Afire : Jefferson, Adams, and the First Contested Election

5. Full-text article in a database:

Article Title: Party Competition on the Internet in the United States and Britain
Author: Michael Margolis, David Resnick, and Joel D. Wolfe
Database: Project MUSE
Date: 1999
Date of access: August 12, 2004
Issue: 4
Journal Title: The Harvard International Journal of Press Politics
Pages: 24-47
URL: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/harvard_international_journal_of_press_politics/v004/4.4margolis.html
Volume: 4

6. Web source:

Date viewed: 12 August 2004
Sponsoring Group: Project Vote Smart
Title of web page: Local Officials of Clarksville, Tennessee
URL: http://www.vote-smart.org/official_local_page.php?type=city&city=Clarksville

Final note:

All the citations in these exercises follow the **MLA** (Modern Language Association) format, which is used when writing about literature and languages. Citation formats vary by subject. Ask your professor which style you should use if you are not sure. More information about citing source can be found at http://library.apsu.edu/guides/1_3_14.htm.