

Basic Style for Citations from the Web

Here are some common features you should try and find before citing electronic sources in MLA style. Not every Web page will provide all of the following information. However, collect as much of the following information as possible both for your citations and for your research notes:

1. Author and/or editor names (if available)
2. Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
3. Title of the Website, project, or book in italics.
4. Any version numbers available, including revisions, posting dates, volumes, or issue numbers.
5. Publisher information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
6. Take note of any page numbers (if available).
7. Medium.
8. Date you accessed the material.
9. URL (if required by your teacher or for your own personal reference).

use *n.p.* if no publisher name is available and *n.d.* if no publishing date is given.

The screenshot shows the KnightCite Citation Service interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The page title is "KnightCite v3.1 The Hekman Library CALVIN". The navigation bar includes "Username:", "Password:", "Sign in", "New User? Start Here", "Help", "About Us", and "Contact Us".

The main content area is titled "Citing a Website Document in MLA Format (Click for Help)". It contains a form with the following fields:

- Number of Authors: 1
- Author's Name: First, M, Last
- Does the website have a title? Yes
- Web Site Title:
- Number of Website Editors: 1
- Website Editor's Name: First, M, Last
- Document's Title:
- Sponsoring Organization: ex. PBS
- Date Published: MONTH, DAY, Year Published:
- Retrieval Information: Was the resource found using a database? No
- Is the URL too long to cite? No
- Date Accessed: October 11, Year: 2010
- Include URL? No

Buttons for "Submit" and "Reset" are at the bottom of the form.

Below the form is a "NOTICE: 2009 Updates to MLA Style" section. It states: "We have recently applied updates to KnightCite to accommodate the 7th edition of the [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers](#). Please [report](#) immediately any problems you discover and we will correct the service as soon as possible."

At the bottom of the page, a red banner reads: "Maintained by the Hekman Library at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI - 20,754,256 citations and counting! Questions, Comments, or Bugs regarding KnightCite itself? [Send us an email](#). Questions about Citations and Styles? Try the fantastic resources available at [DianaHacker.com](#)."

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open windows, including "start", "Central Valley...", "High School Ho...", "Jostens Yearbo...", "KnightCite Citati...", "SeniorResearch", "bibliography an...", "Koel Sample Wo...", "Basic Style for C...", and the system clock showing "1:10 PM".