

## Citing Sources Using ACS (American Chemical Society)

This handout provides examples for some of the more frequently used types of sources. For more in-depth information, please consult *The ACS Style Guide, Ref QD 8.5 .A25 2006* or your instructor. Much of the information on this handout is quoted directly from that source.

### Books

#### General format for a print book:

AuthorLastName, Initials. *Name of the Book in Italics*; Publisher's Name: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number (if any), pp x-xx.

#### General format for an online book:

AuthorLastName, Initials. *Name of the book in italics* [Online]; Publisher's Name: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number (if any), pp x-xx. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

#### Examples:

##### Print Book:

Goldsmith, B. *Obsessive Genius : The Inner World of Marie Curie*; W.W. Norton: New York, 2005; pp. 97-102.

##### Online book with an author:

Maier, J. *Physical Chemistry of Ionic Materials: Ions and Electrons in Solids* [Online]; John Wiley: Hoboken, NJ , 2004; pp 125-127. <http://0-www.netlibrary.com.oswald.clark.edu/Reader/> (accessed April 9, 2007).

##### Print book with an editor, no individual authors for chapters

Coghill, A. M.; Garson, L. R., Eds. *The ACS Style Guide: Effective Communication of Scientific Information*; American Chemical Society: Washington, DC, 2006.

##### Print Book with an editor, individual authors for chapters (subject ency)

Lepkowski, L. Heavy Metals. In *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*; Mitcham, C., Ed. Macmillan Reference USA: Detroit, 2005; Vol. 2, pp 907-909.

##### Online online book with individual authors for chapters (from Netlibrary)

Lepkowski, L. Heavy Metals. In *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics* [Online]; Mitcham, C., Ed. Macmillan Reference USA, 2005; Vol. 2, pp 907-909. [http://0-find.galegroup.com.oswald.clark.edu:80/gvrl/infomark.do?&contentSet=EBKS&type=retrieve&tabID=T001&prodId=GVRL&docId=CX3434900321&source=gale&userGroupName=clark\\_integrated&version=1.0](http://0-find.galegroup.com.oswald.clark.edu:80/gvrl/infomark.do?&contentSet=EBKS&type=retrieve&tabID=T001&prodId=GVRL&docId=CX3434900321&source=gale&userGroupName=clark_integrated&version=1.0) (accessed April 9, 2007).

##### Online encyclopedia article from Access Science

Thompson, S.; Seaborg, G. Einsteinium. *AccessScience: McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Online* [Online]; McGraw-Hill, Posted March 22, 2002. [http://0-www.accessscience.com.oswald.clark.edu/Serverjava/Arknoid/science/AS/Encyclopedia/2/21/Est\\_214600\\_frameset.html?q=einsteinium&qq=](http://0-www.accessscience.com.oswald.clark.edu/Serverjava/Arknoid/science/AS/Encyclopedia/2/21/Est_214600_frameset.html?q=einsteinium&qq=) (accessed March 13, 2007).

## Periodicals

**Note:** Journal Titles must be abbreviated, following specific formats. For a list of abbreviations for most scientific journals, see [Core Journals Covered in CPlus](http://www.cas.org/sent.html) (<http://www.cas.org/sent.html>)

**General Format for a scientific article from a print periodical:**

AuthorLastName, Initials. Title of Article. *Journal Abbreviation* **Year**, *Volume*, Inclusive Pagination.  
(notice that **year** is in **bold**)

**General Format for a scientific online article based on a print edition:**

AuthorLastName, Initials. Title of Article. *Journal Abbreviation* [Online] **Year**, *Volume*, Inclusive Pagination. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

**General Format for a scientific online article from a library database:**

AuthorLastName, Initials. Title of Article. *Journal Abbreviation* [Online] **Year**, *Volume*, Article Number or other identifying information. Database Name. URL of top page (accessed Month Day, Year).

**General Format for a non-scientific online article from a library database:**

AuthorLastName, Initials. Title of Article. *Title of Periodical* [Online], Complete Date, Pagination. Database Name. URL of top page (accessed Month Day, Year).

**Examples:**

**Article from print scientific journal**

Kiplinger, J. Influence of Pretreatment on Sodium Powder. *Chem Mater.* **2005**, *17*, 2755-2786.

**Article from print non-scientific journal or newspaper**

Squires, S. Falling Short on Nutrients. *The Washington Post*, Oct. 4, 2005, p H1.

**Scientific journal article from EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier:**

Martinez-Val, j.; Piera, M. Nuclear Fission Sustainability with Hybrid Nuclear Cycles. *Energy Conversion & Management* [Online] **2007**, *48*, 1480-1490. Academic Search Premier. <http://0-web.ebscohost.com.oswald.clark.edu/ehost/detail?vid=3&hid=sessionmgr107> (accessed Feb 3, 2006).

## Web Sites

**General Format for web sites:**

Author (if any). Title of Site. URL (accessed Month, Day, Year), other identifying information (if any).

**Example:**

Library of Congress Home Page. <http://www.loc.gov> (accessed April 24, 2006).

**General Format for documents from institutions and agencies:**

Author Last Name, Initials. Title of Document, Year. Title of Site. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

**Example:**

Effects of Acid Rain - Surface Water and Aquatic Animals, 2007, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. <http://www.epa.gov/airmarkets/acidrain/> (accessed March 16, 2007).

**General Format for an online article from a web-based news source (i.e. cnn.com. etc.)**

(Include all of the information as you would for a newspaper/magazine source, but cite it like a web page. If no author, use the name of the new service, such as Rueters.)

AuthorLastName, Initials. Title of Article. *Name of parent website*. Month Day, Year. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

**Example:**

Rincon, P. Pipe Organ Plays Above the Sun. BBC News, April 20, 2007. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/6574059.stm> (accessed April 21, 2007).