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Author. "Title of Article." *Journal Name* volume#.issue# (date): pages. Print.

Example:

Demaine, Erik D. "Recreational Computing." *American Scientist* 38.6 (2010): 452-456. Print.

- d. Article from an online database:

Author. "Title of Article." *Journal Name* volume#.issue# (date): pages. *Database Name*. Web. Date retrieved.

Example:

Jankvist, Uffe Thomas, and Bjørn Toldbod. "The Hidden Mathematics of the Mars Exploration Rover Mission." *The Mathematical Intelligencer* 29.1 (2007): 8-15. *General Science Full Text*. Web. 18 Feb. 2011.

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Author. "Title of Article." *Web Site Name*. Owner or publisher of site, date. Web. Date retrieved.

Example:

Weisstein, Eric W. "At Least One." *MathWorld*. Wolfram.com, 2011. Web. 18 Feb. 2011.

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### 3) Helpful MLA Citation Resources

- a. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed., Reference LB2369 .G53 2009 Available in the FSW libraries
- b. Online citation builders. Citation Machine, Easybib, etc. can be useful. BUT you MUST input the correct information (spelling counts!), and check each site to be sure they are using MLA 7<sup>th</sup> edition.
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