MLA 8 Format for Citing Electronic Library Databases

Basic Form:

Author’s last name, comma, first name, middle initial, period: **Ponder, Jennifer B.**

If no author is listed, begin citation with title

Journal title italicized, comma: *Social Studies Journal*,
Date -

- For a scholarly journal, use vol. ## for volume number, comma, no. ## for issue number, comma, month or season if available, comma, year, comma: **vol. 100, no. 3, Fall, 2009**, 
- For a popular magazine or newspaper, use date and edition elements that are available for your citation—day month year, comma, edition, comma: **12 Sept. 2009, late ed.**, 
- If there is no edition, use day month year, comma: **12 Sept. 2009**, 
- If there is no day, use month year, comma: **Sept. 2009**, 

Page numbers:

- For page range use pp. ##-##, period: **pp. 129-135.** 
- For one page use p. #, period: **p. 125.** 
- If page numbering is not continuous, use pp. and first page number and plus sign, period: **pp. 14+.** 

Database name in italics, comma: *Omnifile Full Text Select*,

Put together, citations should look like the following examples, with first line starting at margin and subsequent lines indented. Typing should be double-spaced.

Scholarly journal article from an online library database:


Popular magazine article from an online library database:


Newspaper article without an author from an online library database: