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**Author(s). "Article/Page/Item Title." Site Name. Publisher or Sponsor of Site, Date of last update or copyright. Web. Date of access.**

Jones, Daniel. "City Profile: Las Vegas." *CNN Interactive*. Cable News Network, 10 June 2009. Web. 19 June 2009.

"Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill." *The E Encyclopedia*. Earth Foundation. 9 Dec. 2010. Web. 9 Dec 2010.

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**Pictures, sounds, and videos from a website** – this is the same as citing these mediums in non-web forms, except that you should add the title of the website or database in which you found it, change the medium to "Web," and add your date of access of the one.

## Online video

**Creator(s)/Author(s)/Poster(s). Title. Important Director(s)/Writer(s)/Performer(s). Studio or Production Company, Day Month Year. Site Name. Web. Date of access.**

theRSAorg. *RSA Animate – Changing Education Paradigms*. Perf. Ken Robinson. 14 Oct. 2010. *YouTube*. Web. 8 Dec. 2010

## Picture from the web

**Author(s). Title. Date of Composition. Medium. Institution of location, City. Site Name. Date of Access**

NASA. *Earth At Night 2001*. 2001. TIF file. *Visible Earth*. 9 Dec. 2010.

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**Articles and E-books from databases** – this is the same as citing a print articles and books except that you should change the medium to “Web” and include the database’s title and the date you accessed the article. Use “n. pag.” for page numbers if there are no page numbers given.

## Journal article from library database

**Author(s). “Article Title.” Journal Title Volume # (Year): Page numbers. Name of Database. Web. Date of access.**

Luman, Erika. "Timeliness of Childhood Immunizations." *American Journal of Public Health*. 24.1 (2009): 146-153. *CINAHL Plus Full Text*. Web. 19 June 2009.

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## Magazine from library database

**Author(s). “Article Title.” Magazine Title. Day Month Year: Page numbers. Name of Database. Web. Date of access.**

Vick, Barbara. "Giving Back Globally and Going Green." *Newsweek*. 15 Jan. 2008: 34-35. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 2 June 2009.

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## Newspaper article from subscription database

**Author(s). “Article Title.” Newspaper Title Day Month Year, edition. Name of Database. Web. Date of access.**

London, Aaron. “Higher Gas Prices, Lowered Expectation.” *Daytona Beach News-Journal* 26 April 2008. *NewsBank Infoweb*. Web. 28 May 2009.

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## E-book accessed through the library

**Author(s). Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Name of Database. E-book. Date of access.**

Norman, Richard. *The Moral Philosophers*. New York: Oxford, 1998. *Netlibrary*. Web. 1 Aug. 2009.