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- List as much information as you can, and skip what you cannot find.
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- <u>Example</u>:

Tyre, Peg. "Standardized Tests in College?" *Newsweek.* Newsweek, 16 Nov. 2007. Web.

   15 May 2008.

Due to how often websites and web addresses change, and because of how often web links become incorrect when information is moved, MLA no longer requires the URL in a citation. However, some professors request this information. If this is the case, simply list the URL at the end of the citation. Place the URL between two <angle brackets>:

Eaves, Morris, Robert Essick, and Joseph Viscomi, eds. *The William Blake Archive.*

   Lib. of Cong., 28 Sept. 2007. Web. 20 Nov. 2007.

   <http://www.blakearchive.org/blake/>.

More Examples*:

- **News article**:

Quade, Alex. "Elite Team Rescues Troops behind Enemy Lines." *CNN.com*. Cable News

   Network, 19 Mar. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

- **Interview**:

Antin, David. Interview by Charles Bernstein. *Dalkey Archive Press*. Dalkey Archive P,

   n.d. Web. 21 Aug. 2007.

- **Information from a website**:

Committee on Scholarly Editions, "Guidelines for Editors of Scholarly Editions."

   Modern Language Association. MLA, 25 Sept. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

- **Information from an online encyclopedia**:

"de Kooning, Willem,." *Encyclopedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopedia Britannica, 2008.

   Web. 15 May 2008.

- **Online archive**:

Eaves, Morris, Robert Essick, and Joseph Viscomi, eds. *The William Blake Archive*.

   Lib. of Cong., 8 May 2008. Web. 15 May 2008.

*For the Works Cited page and specific examples, see pages 613-625 (#34-75) in *Simon & Schuster Handbook for Writers*.