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1.1. Personal pages

Koshman, Sherry. Home page. University of Pittsburgh School of Information Sciences. 6 July 2008. Web. 27 May 2009. <http://www.sis.pitt.edu/~skoshman/>.

- *Note*: *First date refers to page creation or last update; second date is when page was viewed*. *Notice the format: day, month, year. URL is optional.*

1.2. Organization pages

Eaves, Morris, Robert Essick, and Joseph Viscomi, eds. *The William Blake Archive. Lib. of Congress,* 26 March 2009. Web. 2 June 2009.

1.3. Government pages

United States. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Child Welfare Information Gateway. *The Intercountry Adoption Process*. 24 June 2008. Web. 1 June 2009.

2. ONLINE TEXTS

Poe, Edgar A. *The Murders in the Rue Morgue.* 1841. 5 Sept. 2008. E. A. Poe Society of Baltimore. Web. 30 May 2009.

Henryson, Robert, 1430?-1506? *Orpheus and Eurydice. Electronic Text Center*. Ed. David Seaman. January 1994. U of Virginia Library. Web. 1 June 2009.

3. ONLINE MAGAZINE OR JOURNAL

DiMatteo, Anthony. "Shakespeare and the Public Discourse of Sovereignty: 'Reason of State' in 'Hamlet'." *Early Modern Literary Studies* 10.2 (2004): n.pag. Web. 6 Sept. 2007.

4. ARTICLES FROM CCBC LIBRARY'S ONLINE DATABASES

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  6. *Name of database*
  7. *Medium of publication (Web)*
  8. *Date of access (day, month, year)*

4.4.1. Encyclopædia Britannica

"Environmental works." *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Web. 22 Apr. 2005.

4.4.2. EBSCOHost databases

Riley, Michael. "When the Earth Moves." *Newsweek*. 1 Nov. 1999, Atlantic ed.: 47. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 6 Sept. 2007.

Foster, Andrea L. "Students Fall Short on 'Information Literacy', Educational Testing Service's Study Finds." *Chronicle of Higher Education*. 27 Oct. 2006: A36. *Professional Development Collection*. Web. 6 Sept. 2007.

4.4.3. Gale's Literature Resource Center

Curry, Renee. "Gender and Authorial Limitation in Faulkner's *A Rose for Emily*." *The Mississippi Quarterly* 47.3 (1994): 391+ . *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 7 Sept. 2007.

Busiel, Christopher. "An Overview of Pygmalion". *Drama for Students*. Detroit: Gale, 1997. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 5 Sept. 2007.

"Francis Scott (Key) Fitzgerald: 1896-1940." *Contemporary Authors Online*. 2004. Web. 1 May 2009.

4.4.4. ProQuest Criminal Justice Periodicals

Beto, Dan Richard. "Prison Architecture: A Journey through History". *Crime & Justice International* 18.62 (2002): 20. *Criminal Justice Periodicals*. Web. 8 Dec. 2004.

4.4.5. ProQuest Newspapers

Martin, Douglas. "Tailoring Old Sewing Machines to New Tasks." *New York Times* 30 Nov. 1992, late ed. (East Coast): B2+. *ProQuest Newspapers*. Web. 8 Dec. 2004.

4.4.5. FACTS.com databases (World News Digest, Issues and Controversies, etc.)

- When citing background articles, use this format:

"April 1945 Remembered". *Facts on File World News Digest*. Web. 25 Apr. 2005.

- When citing specific newspaper articles, use this format:

"Editorial opinion: U.S. Congressional 9/11 Report Released." *The Cincinnati Post* 30 July 2003. *Facts on File World News Digest*. Web. 22 Oct. 2003.

- When citing from Issues and Controversies:

"National Identification Cards." *Facts on File Issues & Controversies*. 28 Dec. 2001. Web. 28 Oct. 2004.

4.4.6. Wilson Web

"Masters, Edgar Lee." *World Authors*. 1996. *Wilson Biographies Plus*. Web. 28 Feb. 2005.

4.4.7. LexisNexis Academic Universe

- *Company information:*

"Dietrich Industries." *Hoover's Company Records*. 21 Feb. 2006. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 28 Feb. 2005.

- Supreme Court Case:

Fullilove v. Klutznick. 448 U.S. 448. 448-554. No. 78-1007. *US Supreme Court*. 1980. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 28 Feb. 2005.