

Putting Together a Good Bibliography

The Basics

- “Bibliography” or “References Cited” should appear centered on top line
- Entries are alphabetized by first letter of entry, with a hanging indent
- The bibliography should be on its own page, and does not count towards the paper length
- One blank line should appear above and below each entry
- Single-spaced, 12 pt, Times New Roman font
- List ALL authors of a source (i.e., do NOT use et al.)
- Follow the given formats below, emulated from the format used in scientific journals, such as *Copeia* and *Integrative and Comparative Biology*

Online, non-journal source

Creator's name (if given). Year (if given). *Web Page Title*. Institution or organization. Accessed [date of access] <URL >.

If no web author is listed, simply start with the web page title in italics. Many students make the error of using an online reference generator. Don't do this! The generator uses a different format than the one presented here. If information is missing, just leave it out.

Example:

Snellen, C.L. *Bibliographies are Easy*. Golden West College. Accessed 01/05/2004
<<http://www.gwc.info/biblio>>.

[note: for this course, it's not necessary to include the entire address, simply give me the page information without any search strings (usually indicated by “?=”)]

Online, journal source

Treat this the same as a paper scientific journal (such as your *Integrative and Comparative Biology* articles)

Author. Year "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* volume number:pages.

Example:

Snellen, C.L. 2004. “Bibliographies are easy.” *Modern Bibliographing* 35:22-23.

Paper scientific journal

Author(s). Year "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* volume number:pages.

Example:

Snellen, C.L., S. Foley, and L. Tomlinson. 2004. “Bibliographies are easy.” *Modern Bibliographing* 35:22-23.

Book

Author. Year *Title of Book*. City of Publication, State of publication: Publisher.

Example of one author:

Snellen, C.L. 2009. *The Art of Bibliography*. Huntington Beach, CA: Vail publishing.

Example of two or more authors:

*Always list them all in the order they are presented, and be sure to list them all. Note that only the initials of the first author follow the last name!

Snellen, C.L., B.E. Wayne, and H.J. Simpson. 2009. *Understanding Extra Credit*. Huntington Beach, CA: Vail publishing.

Section/Chapter in a Book (e.g., encyclopedia)

Author. Year. "Chapter title" in *Title of Book*. City of Publication, State of publication: Publisher.

Example of one author:

Snellen, C.L. 2009. "Web References" in *Encyclopedia of Bibliographic Format*. Huntington Beach, CA: Vail publishing.

Below is an example of how a proper bibliography appears:

Bibliography

Everdeen, K.P. 2006. *Where Bibliographies Roam Free*. Panem, CA: Free Country Press.

Oswald, C. 2015. "Bibliographies are easy." *The Journal of Modern Bibliographing* 35:22-23.

Snellen, C.L. *Bibliographies*. Golden West College. Accessed 01/21/2015
<<http://www.gwc.info/nofezes>>.

Snellen, C.L., B. Franklin, and J. Smith. 2012. *Understanding Extra Credit*. Huntington Beach, CA: Vail Publishing.

Sycoraxian Lessons in Bibliography. The Library. Accessed 01/06/2016
<www.felman.cal.lib.bibliography>.

Tyler, R. 2004. *The Art of Bibliography*. London: Vail publishing.