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### ***Citing Online Sources***

Citing sources is key to conducting historical research. It also provides an important record of your research process. Keeping a “running” bibliography of print and online sources, whether using a program such as *Zotero* or in a word processing document, helps you assess what sources you are using, the balance of primary and secondary materials, and whether or not you need to seek out new kinds of sources to gain a well-rounded perspective on an issue.

Footnotes for a history assignment may vary slightly from those required in other courses. Here are some guidelines to follow for citing various kinds of electronic sources if you do not receive specific instructions in class. The following guidelines are based on the *Chicago Manual of Style*, Fifteenth Edition, and are specific for footnotes or endnotes. For bibliography or reference list styles, visit *The Chicago Manual of Style Online* “Citation Quick Guide,” [http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html).<sup>7</sup>

**Website** List the author or organization that is responsible for the website, followed by the title of the subsection in quotation marks (if relevant) and the website title in italics, each separated by a comma. Next, list the URL and the date of access in parentheses.

Koninklijke Bibliotheek, National Library of the Netherlands, *Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts*, <http://www.kb.nl/kb/manuscripts/> (accessed June 28, 2007).

U.S. Department of State, Office of the Historian, “Kennedy Administration,” *Foreign Relations of the United States*, <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/kennedyjf/> (accessed July 15, 2007).

**Source from an Online Database** List the author of the source (if available) followed by the name of the source in quotation marks, name of the database in italics, URL, and date accessed.

Désiré Charnay, “Sentry gate, San Cosme, Mexico City, ca. November 1857–September 1858,” *Mexico: From Empire to Revolution*, [http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting\\_research/digitized\\_collections/mexico/images/7.html](http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/digitized_collections/mexico/images/7.html) (accessed July 10, 2007).

<sup>7</sup>University of Chicago Press, “Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide,” *The Chicago Manual of Style Online*, 15th ed. (2006), [http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html) (accessed June 28, 2007).

**Book Published Electronically** List the author(s) of the book, followed by the title, publisher, URL, and date accessed.

Daniel J. Cohen and Roy Rosenzweig, *Digital History: A Guide to Gathering, Preserving, and Presenting the Past on the Web*, University of Pennsylvania Press, <http://chnm.gmu.edu/digitalhistory/book.php> (accessed June 28, 2007).

**Journal Article Published Electronically** List the author(s) of the article, article title in quotation marks, journal title and publication information, publisher, URL, and date accessed.

Nara Milanich, "Review Essay: Whither Family History? A Road Map from Latin America," *The American Historical Review* (April 2007), <http://www.historycooperative.org/journals/ahr/112.2/milanich.html> (accessed June 28, 2007).

**Weblog (Blog) Entry or Comment** List the author of the entry or comment, followed by identifying information on the entry or comment, name of the blog, date posted, URL, and date accessed.

Mills Kelly, entry on "What's It All About?" *Edwired*, entry posted on June 6, 2007, <http://edwired.org/?p=183> (accessed June 28, 2007).

Jonathan Dresner, "Teacher Logic," comment on "History At Play," Rob MacDougall, *CLIOPATRIA: A Group Blog*, comment posted on June 27, 2007, <http://hnn.us/blogs/entries/40294.html> (accessed June 29, 2007).

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Lynn Temple, "Re: Question about the Bedford flag," email message, March 26, 2007.

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Liz Ten Dyke, "South Asians in 19th century USA," listserv message, January 17, 2003, [h-world@h-net.msu.edu](mailto:h-world@h-net.msu.edu).