

## Tips for Citing Viewpoint Articles from Opposing Viewpoints Database (Minamide Spring 2012 Library Orientation)

Citing sources found in *Opposing Viewpoints* under the “Viewpoints” heading requires more effort than citation of other sources. Why? Viewpoint articles are reprints from different sources that were compiled in one of the *Opposing Viewpoints* Greenhaven series books (ex. At Issue, Opposing Viewpoints, Current Controversies) and then uploaded to the database to be viewed and searched by students online. *Opposing Viewpoints* editors often add a summary and list of further readings to the text of the article as it was originally published and frequently the title of the article will be changed from the original.

When looking at an *Opposing Viewpoints* viewpoint article you should see both information on the source as it was originally published and then an additional “source citation” that reveals the specific information on where the source was reprinted. The source citation is at the end of the article’s text.

The articles were often originally published in another source such as:

- Books
- Magazines and Newspapers
- Academic Journals
- Websites
- Reports and Government Publications

Under MLA rules and using *EasyBib* either or the following citation methods would be acceptable:

Using *EasyBib* select all 59 options and then click on Write/Paste citation as follows:

The screenshot shows the EasyBib website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Research BETA, Notebook, Bibliography, Citation guide, and Educator blog. Below the tabs is a blue bar with the text "Unsaved bibliography. Save now!". A red box contains the text "You are in a bibliography. View it now » Save it for later • Delete entirely". Below this is a "Cite a bibliography" section with a "NEW! Explore Topics" button. A blue arrow points to the "Write / paste citation" option in the "Other" category. The "All 59 options" tab is selected, showing a grid of citation types including: Most popular (Book, Journal Article, Magazine Article, Newspaper Article, Online Database, Website), All sources (Advertisement, Bible, Blog / Podcast, Book, Brochure, Cartoon / Comic, Chapter / Anthology, Collection Article, Conference Proceedings, Congressional Publication, Court Case, Dictionary Entry, Digital File, Digital Image), Executive Order, Federal Bill, Federal Report, Federal Rule, Federal Statute, Federal Testimony, Film / Online Video, Government Publication, Interview, Journal Article, Lecture / Speech, Letter, Live Performance, Magazine Article, Mailing List, Music / Audio, Newsgroup, Newsletter, Newspaper, Online Data, Painting, Pamphlet, Patent, Photograph, Preface / Foreword, Press Release, Raw Data, Report, Reprinted View, and Review.

In a separate tab open your *Opposing Viewpoints* viewpoint article and then download the MLA 7<sup>th</sup> citation for that particular article by clicking on the CITATION TOOLS icon on the right side of the page.

The screenshot shows the Gale Opposing Viewpoints In Context interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'All', 'Viewpoints', 'Academic Journals', 'Primary Sources', and 'Statistics'. Below these is a search bar and an 'Advanced Search' link. A dark navigation bar contains 'Home', 'Issues', 'Maps', and 'Resources'. The main content area shows search results for 'BP Oil Spill, 2012'. The article title is 'BP Is Covering up the Disastrous Consequences of the Oil Spill'. Below the title is a 'Listen' icon and a brief description of the author, Riki Ott. On the right side, there is a 'Tools' menu with options: 'Bookmark', 'Download', 'Share', 'Citation Tools' (highlighted with a blue arrow), 'Email', 'Print', and 'Dictionary'.

The downloaded citation should look like this:

Ott, Riki. "BP Is Covering up the Disastrous Consequences of the Oil Spill." *BP Oil Spill*. David Haugen. Detroit: Greenhaven Press, 2012. At Issue. Rpt. from "Hide and Leak: BP'S Cleanup Is More like a Cover up. Holding the Company Accountable Will Require Digging for the Truth." *Earth Island Journal* 25.3 (Autumn 2010). *Gale Opposing Viewpoints In Context*. Web. 6 Apr. 2012.

You may then cut and paste this into the *EasyBib* write/paste screen as appears below:

The screenshot shows the EasyBib 'Cite a Custom citation' form. It includes a 'Help' link and a dropdown menu for citation styles: 'MLA 6', 'MLA 7', 'APA', and 'Chicago/Turabian'. Below the menu is the instruction: 'Just fill out what you know. We'll format it correctly.' A text box contains the citation: 'Ott, Riki. "BP Is Covering up the Disastrous Consequences of the Oil Spill." BP Oil Spill. David Haugen. Detroit: Greenhaven Press, 2012. At Issue. Rpt. from "Hide and Leak: BP'S Cleanup Is More like a Cover up. Holding the Company Accountable Will Require Digging for the Truth." Earth Island Journal 25.3 (Autumn 2010). Gale Opposing Viewpoints In Context. Web. 6 Apr. 2012.' Below the text box is a note: 'Use <u></u> to underline and <i></i> to italicize'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Add Annotation' and 'Create Citation'.

You must then italicize the book title, journal title, and the name of the database! Use the <i> and </i> formatting to correct. Then click on create citation.

Method 2 using *EasyBib*: Select All 59 options and select the template for reprinted work and then specify whether the reprint is from a journal, magazine, newspaper, or book and select found in online database.

« Automatically search and cite any of the 22 designated sources! »

**Cite a Collection or Reprint** [Help](#)    **MLA 6** **MLA 7** ~~APA~~

Just fill out what you know. We'll format it correctly.

Medium: **Journal article** **Newspaper** **Magazine** **Book chapter**

Source was:  In print  Found in an online database

Article title:

Fill in the information in each template box in *EasyBib*. This will help you cite the collection/reprint. It will look a bit different than the cut and paste method, but will still contain accurate information for your MLA citation. An example for the same BP article appears below:

Ott, Riki. "BP Is Covering up the Disastrous Consequence of the Oil Spill." *Earth Island Journal* 25.3 (2010): N. Pag. Rpt. in *BP Oil Spill*. Ed. David Haugen. Detroit: Greenhaven, 2012. N. Pag. At Issue. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*. Web. 6 Apr. 2012.