

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 with the tagline "Write Smart." The navigation bar includes links for Research BETA, Notebook, Bibliography, Citation guide, and Educator blog. Below the navigation bar, there is a status bar indicating "Unsaved bibliography. Save now!" and a message: "You are in a bibliography. View it now » Save it for later • Delete entirely".

The main content area is titled "Cite a bibliography" and features a "NEW! Explore Topics" button. Below this, there are tabs for "Website", "Book", "Newspaper", "Journal", "Database", and "All 59 options". The "All 59 options" tab is selected, displaying a grid of citation categories:

- Most popular**
 - Book »
 - Journal Article »
 - Magazine Article »
 - Newspaper Article »
 - Online Database
 - Website »
- Other**
 - Write / paste citation
 - Upload citations
- 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**
 - News group
 - Newsletter
 - Newspaper
 - Online Data
 - Painting
 - Pamphlet
 - Patent
 - Photograph
 - Preface / Foreword
 - Press Release
 - Raw Data
 - Report
 - Reprinted Viewpoint
 - Review

A blue arrow points to the "Write / paste citation" option under the "Other" category.

In a separate tab open your *Opposing Viewpoints* viewpoint article and then download the MLA 7th 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 website. The main article title is "BP Is Covering up the Disastrous Consequences of the Oil Spill" by 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. Below the article title, there is a brief description of the author and the article's content.

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:

Cite a Custom citation [Help](#) [MLA 6](#) [MLA 7](#) [APA](#) [Chicago/Turabian](#)

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

You can type in or cut and paste a citation here. Please note, you will have to manually add in formatting (italics, or underline) using the instructions below the text field.

Citation:

Use <u></u> to underline and <i></i> to *italicize*

[Add Annotation](#)

[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.

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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.

The screenshot shows the EasyBib website interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Website', 'Book', 'Newspaper', 'Journal', 'Database', and 'All 59 options'. The 'All 59 options' tab is selected, displaying a grid of 59 citation sources. A blue arrow points to 'Reprinted Work' in the grid. Below the grid, there is a note: « Automatically search and cite any of the 22 designated sources! ». Below the grid, there is a section titled 'Cite a Collection or Reprint' with a 'Help' link. To the right of this section, there are links for 'MLA 6', 'MLA 7', and 'APA'. A blue arrow points to the 'APA' link. To the right of the 'APA' link, there is a box with the text 'Select the type of article'. Below this section, there is a 'Medium:' label and four buttons: 'Journal article', 'Newspaper', 'Magazine', and 'Book chapter'. The 'Newspaper' button is selected. Below the 'Medium:' section, there is a 'Source was:' label and two radio buttons: 'In print' and 'Found in an online database'. The 'Found in an online database' radio button is selected. Below the 'Source was:' section, there is an 'Article title:' label and a text input field. A blue arrow points to the text input field.

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.