

Information	Reason
Author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the author of a source can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help you to determine the academic reputation of the author and track down other, related works. Knowing the title of a source can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help the reader to determine whether to read the source in its entirety. Help you to differentiate between sources with the same author.
Title	
Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing how old a source is can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help you to determine its relevance and scholarly context. help you to differentiate between sources with the same author (particularly for year/date in-text citations)
Publisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the publisher can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help you and your reader to locate the source help you to identify the validity or academic level of a source (Is the publisher an academic press, or is it a more popular press like Penguin?)
Publisher location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the publisher location is... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a way to indicate which printing of a source you have, since versions sometimes vary by location ultimately more of a formality
Journal name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the name of the journal in which the article was published can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help you and your reader to locate the source give an idea of the discipline a source was published in (Was the article published in social psychology or sociology?) help you to identify the academic reputation of the article's home
Page range of article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the page range of an article can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help you and your reader to locate the article in a physical copy of the journal (they're not just online!) Determine whether you really want to read a 40-page article on signification, or just skim it (see our How to Read section)
Website name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the website name of a source can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help you and your reader to locate the source Help you to identify the validity of a source (e.g., did the information come from k00keem0nster.com or harvard.edu?)
Date published or updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the date published or updated can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give you an idea of how old a source is Tell your reader if the source has been updated recently
Date accessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the source is updated regularly, knowing the date a source was accessed can... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make it easier to locate which version of a source you used