

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