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## 5.1 Preparing a Bibliography

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When you write a research paper or prepare a presentation for your class, it is important to document your sources. A bibliography serves two purposes. First, a bibliography gives credit to the authors who wrote the material you used to learn about your subject. Second, a bibliography provides your audience with sources they can use if they would like to learn more about your subject.

This skill sheet provides bibliography formats and examples for various types of research materials you may use when preparing science papers and presentations.

**EXAMPLES**



### Books:

**Author last name, First name. (Year published). *Title of book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher.**

Vermeij, Geerat. (1997). *Privileged Hands: A Scientific Life*. New York: W.H. Freeman and Company.

### Newspaper and Magazine Articles:

**Author listed:**

**Author last name, First name. (Date of publication). Title of Article. *Title of Newspaper or Magazine*, page # or #'s.**

Searcy, Dionne. (2006, March 20). Wireless Internet TV Is Launched in Oklahoma. *The Wall Street Journal*, p. B4.

Brody, Jane. (2006, February/March). 10 Kids' Nutrition Myth Busters. *Nick Jr Family Magazine*, pp. 72–73.

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Chew on this: Gum may speed recovery. (2006, March 20). *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, p.H2.

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## Online Newspaper or Magazine:

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Dybas, Cheryl Lyn. (2006, March 20). Early Spring Disturbing Life on Northern Rivers. *The Washington Post*, Retrieved March 22, 2006, from [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).

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