**Reading a Source Citation**

Uncovering your source information for a source card can be a confusing task. Each database provides the information, but they vary as to where it will be found in the document. The most common place is at the end of the document in what is called the *Source Citation.*

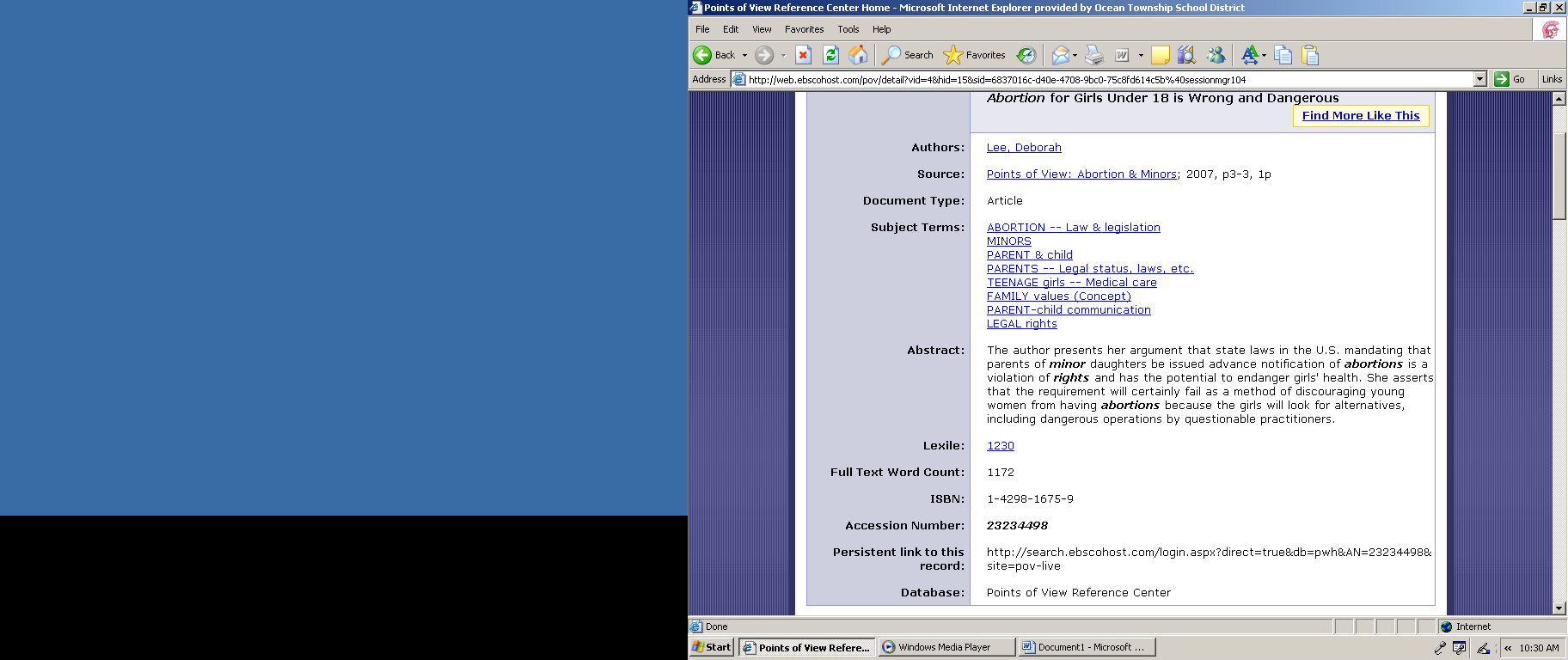
***Gale/ OVRC***

Gale Group typically presents the information this way. Below is a Gale Group article from the *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center.* Note the different elements required on a source card from an On-line subscription database. Click on the comment on the right and it will highlight the information you are looking for:

**Source Citation:** Steffen, Lloyd. "Executions Are Only Just If They Meet Stringent Moral Conditions." *At Issue: The Ethics of Capital Punishment*. Ed. Nick Fisanick. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2004. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Thomson Gale. Ocean Township High School. 11 Dec. 2007 <http://find.galegroup.com/ovrc/infomark.do?&contentSet=GSRC&type=retrieve&tabID=T010&prodId=OVRC&docId=EJ3010313202&source=gale&srcprod=OVRC&userGroupName=oakh32455&version=1.0>.

* If a group or person(s) name(s) do not appear before the article title, then there is *No Author.*

Below is a different setup for source information from *EBSCOhost’s Points of View* database. Note the same items that are required for a source card from a subscription database.

* In the sample you are in EBSCOhost’s *Points of View* database, as indicated by the acronym *pov* that follows the “.com/” of the URL. Therefore you can stop after the pov.
* The retrieval date is the date you first get the article.
* EBSCOhost is the online service title.

**Database Title**

**Publish Date**

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**Article Title**

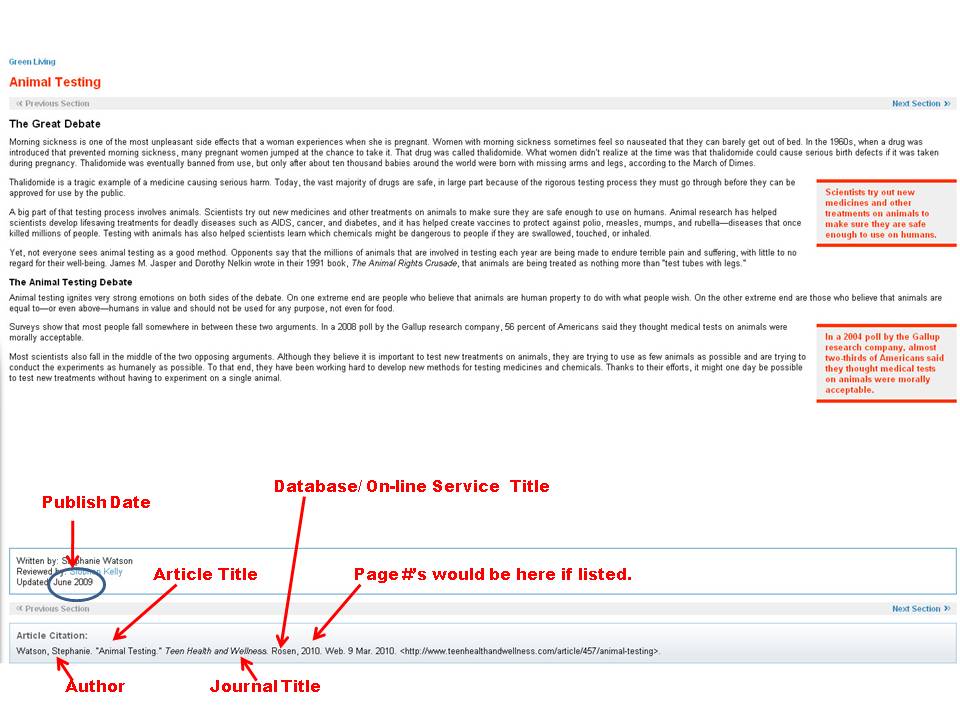
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**SIRS source information is listed at the beginning and ends of articles. Be careful not to use the format they list for MLA at the end of each article without checking the most current MLA handbook requirements. Currency of requirements may not match!**



**Teen Health and Wellness**

Source information is listed at the bottom of the article. Note how *Teen Health and Wellness* is the Journal title for the article and *Rosenis* Company credited as the Database since it is the publisher of this on-line service.**Facts on File**

This database looks much like Gale’s citations and are at the end of the articles. Some slight variations of the listing order is evident however. See the sample below:

* In the URL, note the database indicator that shows you went to Facts on file, the Science Online database:

http://www.fofweb.com/Science/default.asp?ItemID=WE40

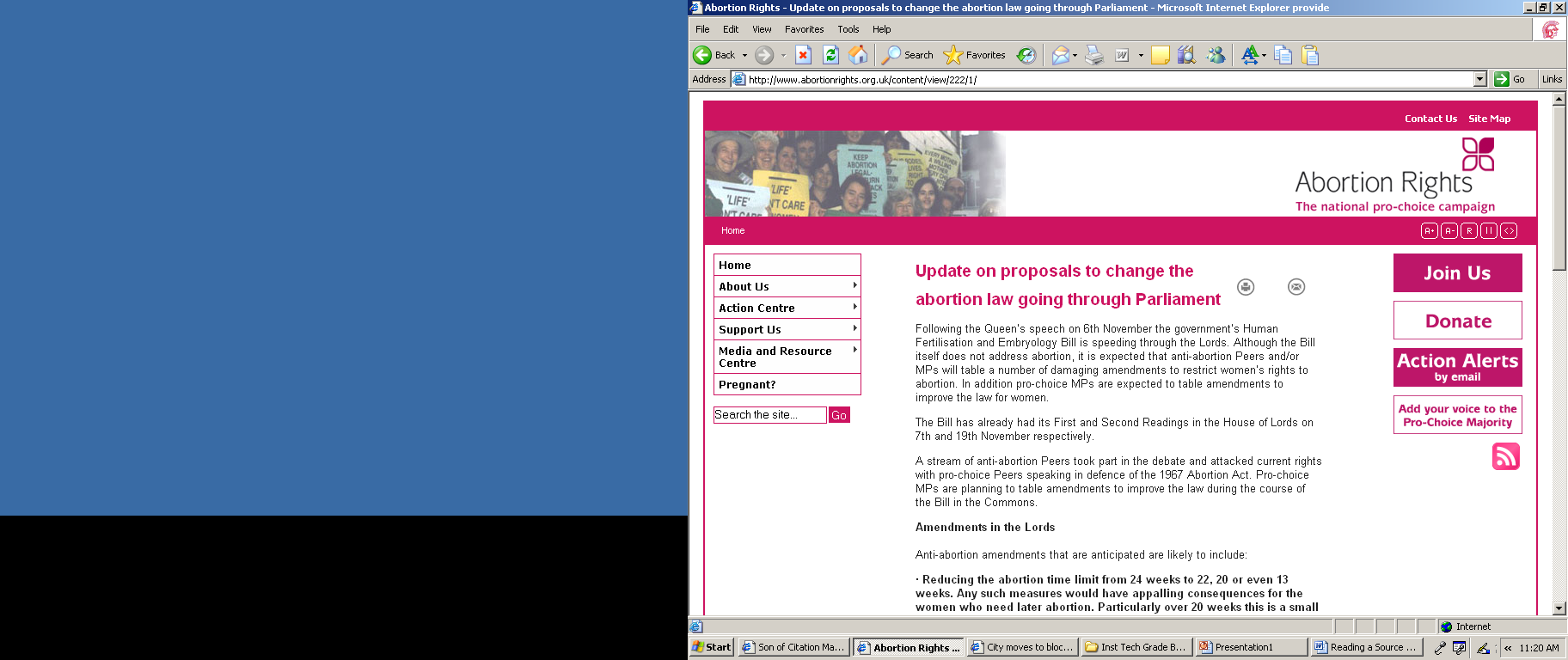
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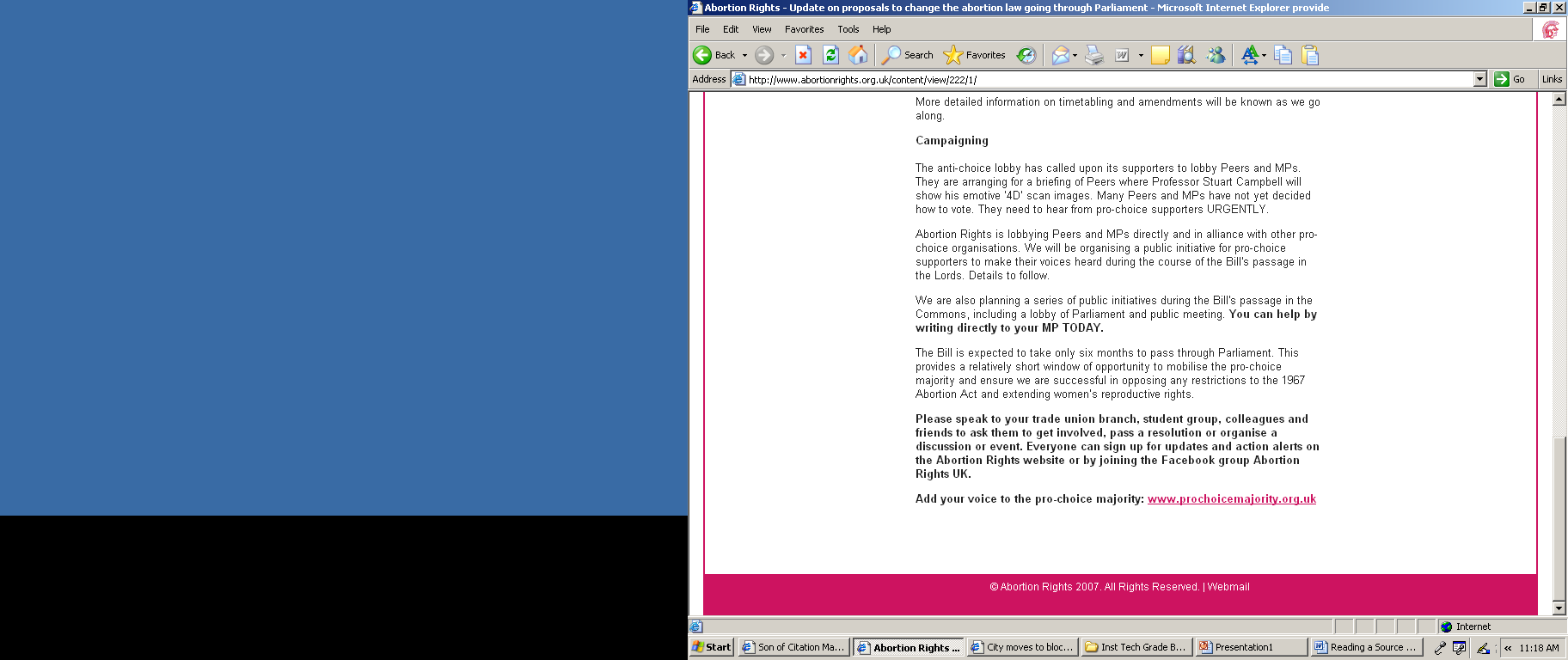
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**Web Page**

A web page requires different source information. Use the Landmark site at <http://citationmachine.net> and click on MLA and Web Page on Non-Print sources to see what a source card requires. You will find that the bibliography entry will need the Author, Page Title, Site Title, Publishing or Last Revision Date, Organization, Date Accessed, and URL.



**Only give the URL when a reasonable web search of the author and/ or title and topic would not return the instructor to the site.**

**Internet Journal or Magazine Article**

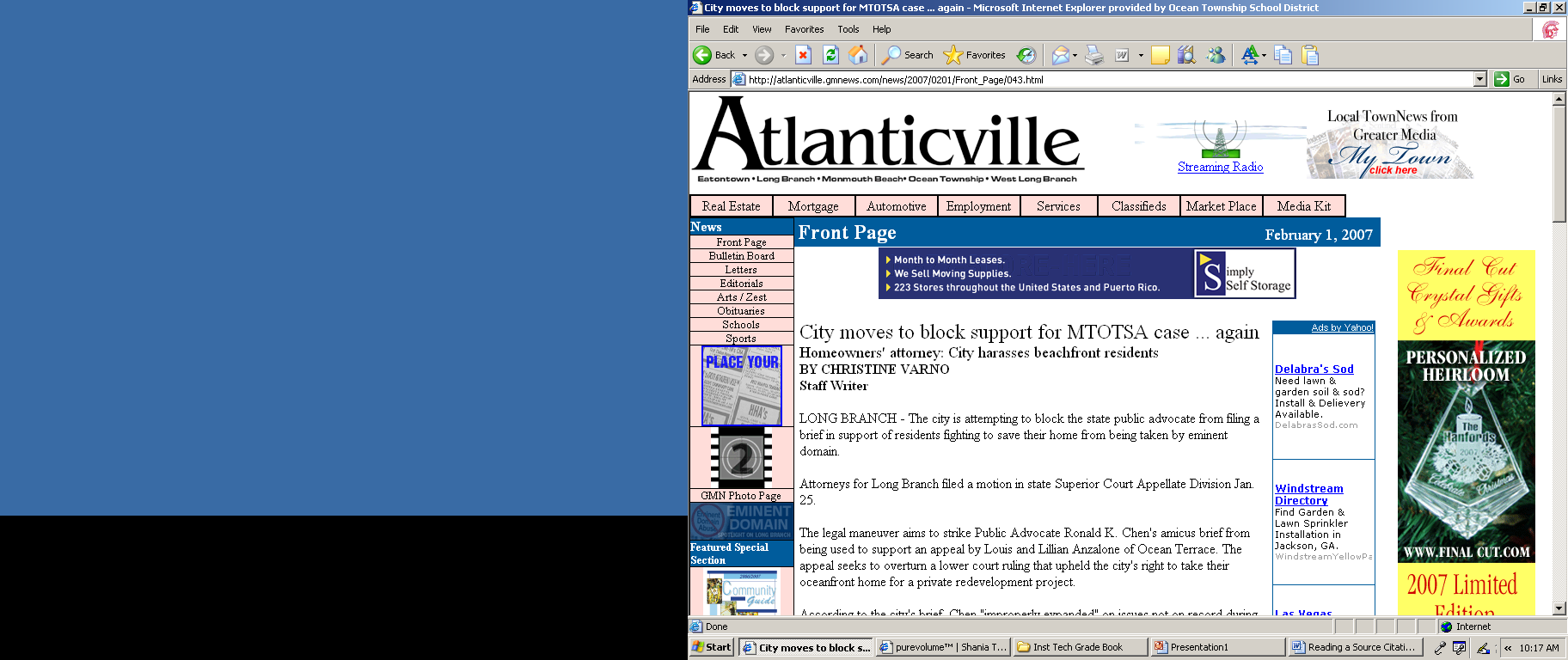
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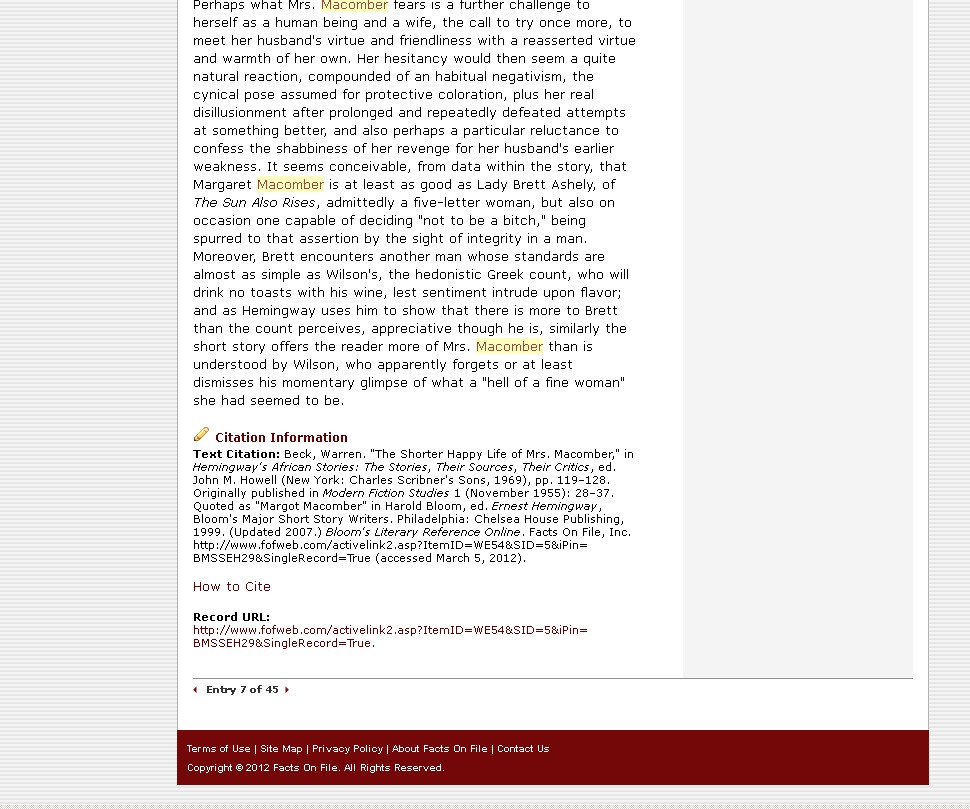
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