Social media is everywhere, but do your students know how they can use it as a resource?

This handout outlines how to cite a blog post, Facebook update, YouTube video and email in MLA 7.

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| **Blog Post**                                                                 | Last name, First name. “Title of Blog Post.”  
  *Blog Title.* Publisher. Date posted. Web. Date accessed.                     | Silver, Nate. “Modeling the Senate’s Vote on Gun Control.”  
| **Facebook Status Update**                                                   | Author name/poster’s username. “Title of Video.” Online video clip.  
  *Name of Website.* Name of Website’s publisher, date posted. Web. Date accessed. | TelegraphTV. “Unseen Footage of Japan Tsunami Released.” Online video clip.  
| **YouTube Video**                                                            | Last name, First name (Username). “Place Tweet text between quotes.” Date posted, time posted. Tweet. | West, Kanye (kanyewest). “I hate when I’m on a flight and I wake up with a water bottle next to me like oh great now I gotta be responsible for this water bottle.” 26 Aug. 2010, 12:53 AM. Tweet. |
| **Email**                                                                    | Last name, First name. “Subject of email.” Message to recipient’s name. Date of message. Email.* | Timberlake, Justin. “My next SNL Performance.” Message to Jimmy Fallon. 20 Mar. 2013. Email.* |

*“Last name, First name” refers to the person who wrote the email. If you were the recipient of the email, write “Message to the author.”*

Source: MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th edition; Purdue OWL.