Properly Documenting your Web Resources
Formatting the Source Cards
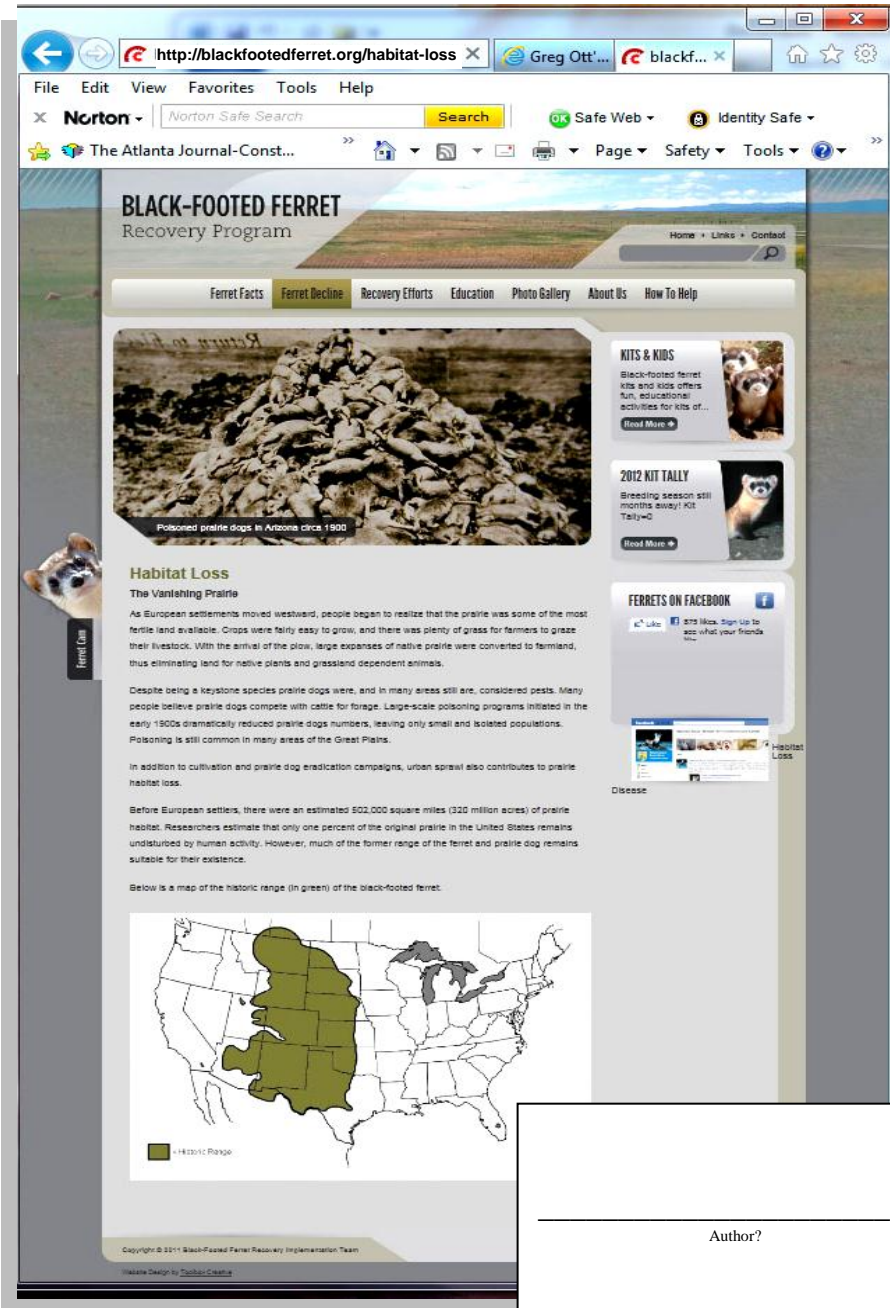
While good websites may be relatively easy to find when you have conducted an effective search, they are a little more complicated to document. Unlike print sources where the publication information can be found on either side of the title page, websites do not have a standard location for that information.

If your selected website has met the test for credibility, you will need to locate as much of the following information as you can find for your source card.

- Author (if available)
- Web Page or Article Title
- Web Site Title
- Sponsoring Organization
- URL (Web Address)
- Date Published
- Date Retrieved

Credible sources typically make this information easy to find, but it won't always be in the same place. If you cannot find it, don't use the site.

Directions: Use the website on the left to complete the source card below. Although most of the information above is available, some of it is not. Fill in the card below with the necessary information. Assume that this is the first source card you are completing for your research on the Black-footed Ferret.

Remember to properly capitalize and punctuate the items on the right. You've been given a few hints....use them.

Remember:
- **Article titles and web page titles are placed in quotation marks.**

- **Source Titles and Websites are underlined.**

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Author?

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"Web Page"   Web Site

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Sponsoring Organization

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Now that you've had a bit of practice, let's try it with a few more online resources.

Go to the Endangered Species Project Website and scroll down to "Source Card Formatting Practice." Select the Ring Tailed Lemur link and then create a source card with a partner.

Be careful... The info you found on the last site may help, but you may not find everything you are looking for in the same place you found it on the Black-Footed Ferret site.

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Consider the location of the prompts for locating the parts of the source card. If those parts can fit on one line, that is fine. If not, drop down to the next line.

Separate the elements with period marks.

Once you have completed your card, check the answer and see how you have done.

Compare the answer to your effort and use the differences to ask questions about this process.

Now try the process with a periodical accessed online.

Use the **Galileo** database **Science** link to access **Middle Search Plus,** and then complete a search on **Gorillas and Endangered.** Select **"No More Gorillas?"** and complete a source card for it. **(The Citation Machine) can help you determine what you need to record on your source card.**

If you remove the box that includes the online information, you have a standard card for a periodical. Easy isn't it.

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Author?

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"Article Title"   Periodical Title

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Publication Info on Issue

Online Access information

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Database Title

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Online Subscription Service

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URL for Online Service

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Place Accessed   Date Retrieved