Early Theatre Style Sheet Supplement – DOIs and Citation in the CrossRef System

Introduction

*Early Theatre* is a member of CrossRef, the well-known Digital Object Identifier (DOI) registration agency for scholarly and professional publications. Through our adoption of the DOI citation system, *Early Theatre* more effectively facilitates access to your peer reviewed scholarly work. Our membership in CrossRef creates tangible benefits for the dissemination of your scholarship, including:

1. Persistent, reliable links to your work. Although a DOI looks similar to and operates much like a URL, it will never change once assigned—even if your online scholarship moves or *Early Theatre* ceases publication.

2. More traffic directed to your online publications. All CrossRef member journals are required to include CrossRef-registered DOIs in reference lists. This means that in the future, all articles, chapters, or books citing your work will be required to include the DOI assigned to your piece in *Early Theatre*—a DOI which will then lead researchers directly to the relevant article.

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All members of CrossRef are required to include Digital Object Identifiers where available. This means that **when authors submit material to *Early Theatre* for consideration, the references must now include, where available, DOIs.**

Below, we outline exactly what this means for authors when preparing the end-notes they submit for contributions to *Early Theatre*.

End-note Citation with Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)

1. When compiling end-notes, remember that citations must include DOIs where they are available.

2. Often, article citations will include DOIs. The journal *Renaissance Drama*, for instance, lists DOIs for its articles, along with other bibliographic information on its website, as can be seen here:
3. If a DOI is not present in the publisher’s bibliographic citation, authors must still check that cited sources do not carry a DOI using CrossRef’s DOI Lookup Tool, available in the “Search Metadata” window at: https://www.crossref.org.

4. Format your end-notes according to Early Theatre’s Style Sheet, being sure to add a DOI (where available) at the end of the reference. Citations now look like the following examples, all of which include ‘https://doi.org/’ in the string:


5. NB: if a DOI that you find looks like this -- DOI: 10.1093/actrade/9780198122463.book.1 -- please add ‘https://doi.org/’ to the beginning of the string to yield a DOI end-note citation that looks like this: https://doi.org/10.1093/actrade/9780198122463.book.1.

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