

# Citing Sources Using MLA Style

## A Basic Guide\*

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**Format your works cited page as directed by the *MLA Handbook* and according to the requirements of your instructor.**

- Alphabetize the entries in your work cited according to authors' names. If an author's name is unknown, alphabetize by the title of the entry, ignoring the initial article (*A*, *An*, or *The*).
- Properly indent then entries for your works cited page(s) as indicated in the *MLA Handbook*.
- **Use the proper spacing, capitalization, punctuation and formatting as specified.**
- Italicize titles as indicated; place periods and other marks of punctuation as indicated, etc.
- Formulate dates listed in the entries using the format indicated: e.g.: 5 Sept. 2009 Abbreviate only these months using these standard abbreviations: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. Spell out the months of May, June and July.
- **If you don't find an example in this handout that matches the material that you are trying to properly cite**, e.g.: you have an article from an encyclopedia, or you want to cite a radio or television interview, or a government document, etc. **consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) Call #: LB 2369 .G53 2009**

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# Basic Book Citations Include:

- ◆ Author's name.
- ◆ *Title of book* italicized (include subtitle if one exists)
- ◆ Place of publication.
- ◆ Publisher.
- ◆ Date.
- ◆ Database name (if item is found in an electronic database)
- ◆ Medium (Is the material published in print or on the web?)
- ◆ Date accessed if item is published electronically.

## Book published in print format:

Kurlansky, Mark. *Salt: A World History*. New York: Walker, 2002. Print.

Broer, Lawrence R., and Gloria Holland. *Hemingway and Women: Female Critics and the Female Voice*. Tuscaloosa: U of Alabama P, 2002. Print.

## Book with no author or editor's name on the title page

*American Heritage Guide To Contemporary Usage and Style*. Boston: Houghton, 2005. Print.

## Book published in a 2<sup>nd</sup> or subsequent edition

Newcomb, Horace, ed. *Television: The Critical View*. 7th ed. New York: Oxford UP, 2007. Print.

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## E-book found on the NetLibrary database:

Dobson, Andrew. *Green Political Thought*. 4th ed. London: Routledge, 2007.

*NetLibrary*. Web. 6 Apr. 2009.

## Basic Citation Elements for FULL-Text Articles Found In Online Subscription Databases:

To cite a full-text article retrieved from an online subscription service, such as Wilson OmniFile, Electric Library, ProQuest, or Lexis-Nexis, use the following:

- ◆ Author's name.
- ◆ Title of article (in quotation marks).
- ◆ Magazine title (italicized).
- ◆ Volume #:Issue #
- ◆ Magazine/journal date.
- ◆ Page numbers.
- ◆ Name of database (italicized). (Insert the name of the database that you used.)
- ◆ Medium (should say Web since article was found online)
- ◆ Date of access.

## Example citation for article from the LexisNexis database:

Parness, Jeffrey A., and Therese A. Clark Arado. "Wells Conference on Adoption Law: Safe Haven, Adoption and Birth Record Laws: Where Are the Daddies?"  
*Capital University Law Review* 36:2 (2007): 207+ . *LexisNexis*. Web. 4 Apr. 2009.

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## Example citation for newspaper article found in LexisNexis:

Ahlin, Elizabeth. "Same-Sex Marriage Ruling Expected Today: Gay Rights Activists Are Anxiously Awaiting the Iowa Supreme Court's Decision." *Omaha World-Herald* 3 Apr. 2009, sunrise ed.: 02B. *LexisNexis*. Web. 4 Apr. 2009.

## Example of citation for full-text article found on Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center database:

Moorhouse, John C., and Brent Wanner. "Gun Control Laws Do Not Reduce Violent Crime." *Opposing Viewpoints: Violence*. Ed. Louise Gerdes. Detroit: Greenhaven, 2008. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 6 Apr. 2009.

## Example of citation for articles found on WilsonWeb:

### Scholarly journal article

Sykes, John D., Jr. "What Faulkner (Might Have) Learned from *Joyce*." *The Mississippi Quarterly* 58.3-4 (2005): 513-28. *Wilson OmniFile Full Text Select*. Web. 6 Apr. 2009.

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## Magazine article

Levin, Yuval. "The Real Lessons of Stem Cells." *Newsweek* 30 Mar. 2009: 47. *Wilson OmniFile Full Text Select*. Web. 6 Apr. 2009.

## Example of citation for article found in the ProQuest nursing database:

Sabin, T., J. Jednacz, and P. Staats. "Case 26-2008 : A 26-Year-Old Woman with Headache and Behavioral Changes." *The New England Journal of Medicine* 359.8 (2008): 842. ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source, ProQuest. Web. 1 Oct. 2009.

## Citing Articles In PRINT Format

To cite a periodical article in a print magazine, scholarly journal or newspaper include:

- ◆ Author's name.
- ◆ Title of article in quotation marks.
- ◆ Title of magazine/journal (italicized)
- ◆ Volume and issue numbers (for scholarly journals formatted as Vol #.Issue #)
- ◆ Date of magazine and page numbers.
- ◆ Medium (should say Print since article is in print format)

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### **Magazine article**

Weintraub, Arlene, and Laura Cohen. "A Thousand-Year Plan for Nuclear Waste."

*Business Week* 6 May 2002: 94-96. Print.

### **Scholarly journal article**

Barthelme, Frederick. "Architecture of Nebraska and Kansas." *Kansas Quarterly*

13.3-4 (1981): 77-80. Print.

### **Newspaper article**

McKay, Peter A. "Stocks Feel the Dollar's Weight." *Wall Street Journal* 4 Dec. 2006:

C1+. Print.

### **Article with no author's name listed<sup>+</sup>**

"Where Angels No Longer Fear To Tread." *Economist* 22 Mar. 2008: 89+. Print.

<sup>+</sup> Begin the entry with the title; ignore any initial article (A, An, or The) when you alphabetize the entry. Do not include the name of the wire service or news bureau.

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# Citing Web Publications

## To cite a web include:

- ◆ Author's name if there is one
- ◆ Title of article in quotation marks
- ◆ Title of the work (italicized)
- ◆ Title of the overall web site (italicized), if distinct from title of work
- ◆ Version or edition used
- ◆ Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use N.p.
- ◆ Date of publication (day, month, year) use n.d. if no date is known
- ◆ Medium (should say Web since this is an Internet site)
- ◆ Date of access (day, month and year)

**Examples** For entries without personal authors, alphabetize by title of the entry; ignoring any initial article (a, an, or the)

“de Kooning, Willem.” *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2009. Web. 20 July 2007.

Eaves, Morris, Robert Essick, and Joseph Viscomi, eds. *The William Blake Archive*. Lib. of Cong., 8 May 2008. Web. 15 May 2008.

Lessig, Lawrence. “Free Debates: More Republicans Call on RNC.” Lessig 2.0. N.p., 4 May 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

Liu, Alan, ed. Home page. *Voice of the Shuttle*. Dept. of English, U of California, Santa Barbara, n.d. Web. 22 Nov. 2008.

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"Maplewood, New Jersey." Map. *Google Maps*. Google, 15 Oct. 2009. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.

Quade, Alex. "Utah Mine Rescue Funeral." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 21 Aug. 2007. Web. 21 Aug. 2007.

**Work on the web cited with publication data for another medium besides print**

For example, if you viewed a digitized version of a film, photograph or original manuscript on the Web, you may want to site the entry as such:

*The Great Train Robbery*. Dir. Edward Porter. Thomas Edison, 1903. *Internet Archive*. Web. 5 June 2008.

Lange, Dorothea. *The Migrant Mother*. 1936. Prints and Photographs Div., Lib. of Cong. *Dorothea Lange: Photographer of the People*. Web. 9 May 2007.

"Protest on Behalf of Southern Women." 1932. Mary Cornelia Barker Papers.

Robert W. Woodruff Lib., Emory U. *Online Manuscript Resources in Southern Women's History*. Web. 5 June 2008.

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