

How To Cite Your Sources – MLA Format

- Use **double spacing** throughout.
- Begin each entry at the margin; additional lines of the entry are **indented 5 spaces** (hanging indent).
- **Alphabetize** entries by the author's last name, or if there is no author, by the first main word in the title (not words like "A", "An", or "The", etc.).
- **Capitalize** titles of works as shown in Section 3.6 of the MLA Handbook (Sixth Ed.).
- Use common scholarly abbreviations as shown in Chapter 7 of the MLA Handbook (Sixth Ed.).
- For more information on acknowledging sources and preparing the Works Cited list, consult the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (Sixth Ed.) by Joseph Gibaldi, or go to the website for the Modern Language Association at <http://www.mla.org/>
- A copy of the MLA Handbook is available at the Reference Desk and under the Call Number LB 2369 .G53 2003.

Common Print Resources

Books with... One Author

Author's Last Name, First Name. Title of the Book, Underlined. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication.

Pond, Grace. The Cat: The Breeds, the Care and the Training. New York: Exeter Books, 1982.

Note: Only the name of the first author is inverted. Use "et al." (*and others*) if there are more than 3 authors. See section 5.6.4 of the MLA Handbook for examples.

Books with... Two Authors

Author's Last Name, First Name AND Second Author's First Name & Last Name. Title of the Book, Underlined. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication.

Miller, Ronald and David Sawers. The Technical Development of Modern Aviation. New York: Praeger Publishers, 1970.

Article in a Magazine

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Periodical, Underlined Day, Month & Year of Periodical: Page Numbers for the Entire Article You Are Citing.

Omestad, Thomas. "Power and Peril." U.S. News and World Report 5 May 2003: 14-21.

Article in a Newspaper

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Newspaper, Underlined Day, Month, Year of Publication, Edition (if given): Page Numbers (or First Page with "+").

Yi, Daniel. "School District Transfers Millions." Los Angeles Times 13 May 2003, Orange County ed.: B1+.

Note: See section 5.7.5 of the MLA Handbook for more details on citing articles in newspapers.

Article in a Taking Sides or Opposing Viewpoints Book

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Complete Title: Subtitle of the Book, Underlined. Ed. Name of Editor. City of Publication: Name of Publisher. Year of Publication. Page Numbers for the Entire Article You Are Citing.

Brunsma, David L., and Kerry A. Rockquemore. "The Effects of Student Uniforms on Attendance, Behavior Problems, Substance Use, and Academic Achievement." Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Secondary Education. Ed. Dennis L. Evans. Guilford: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2002. 106-114.

Note: See section 5.6.7 of the MLA Handbook for more information about citing a work in an anthology or other book collection-especially reprints of previously published scholarly pieces such as those found in Contemporary Literary Criticism.

Article in the CQ Researcher

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Periodical, Underlined Volume Number (Year of Publication): Page Numbers for the Entire Article You Are Citing.

Tanner, Jane. "Women in Sports." CQ Researcher 11 (2001): 401-424.

Article in Contemporary Literary Criticism

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Encyclopedia, Underlined. Ed. Name of the Editor. Edition (if given). Total Number of Volumes. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication.

"Shelby Foote." Contemporary Literary Criticism. Vol. 224. Ed. Jeffrey W. Hunter. Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2007.

Article in a Well-Known General Encyclopedia

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Encyclopedia, Underlined. Edition (if given) & the Year of Publication.

McGinnis, Terri, "Cat." The World Book Encyclopedia. 2001 ed.

Article in a Specialized Encyclopedia or Dictionary

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Encyclopedia, Underlined. Ed. Name of the Editor. Edition (if given) Total Number of Volumes. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication.

Fischman, Marian W. "Cocaine." Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol and Addictive Behavior. Ed. Rosalyn Carson-DeWitt. 2nd ed. 4 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2001.

Note: Look for the name of the author at beginning or end of each encyclopedia article. Sometimes only initials are given. You may have to check the list of contributors for the author's full name. If an author's name is not given, begin your citation with the name of the article. See Section 5.6.8 of the MLA Handbook for additional details on citing articles in reference books.

Article in a Scholarly Journal- Continuous Pagination

Follow the format given for a CQ Researcher article. See the note below for exceptions.

Note: Continuous pagination means that the journal begins with page one at the beginning of the year and each issue in that year continues the page numbering where the earlier issue left off. If each issue for the year begins with page one, you must include the issue number in the citation. The issue number simply comes after the volume number, separated by a period (no spaces). The rest of the citation remains the same. See section 5.7.2 of the MLA Handbook for additional details.

Online Resources

(When using NoodleBib, all of the databases are considered "Subscription Content")

Scholarly Journal Article from EBSCOHost (Library Database Subscription)

(Article may be automatically formatted into MLA/APA when using the "E-mail" or "Save" options)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Journal or Source, Underlined. Volume Number. Issue Number (Year of Publication): Beginning & Ending Page Number (if given) or Beginning Page Number- . Name of the Database Service, Underlined. Name & Location of the Library Providing the Database, Day, Month, & Year material was accessed. <Web Address of the Database Service's Homepage>.

Crair, Michael C., et al. "The Role of Visual Experience in the Development of Columns in Cat Visual Cortex." Science 279 .5350 (1998): 566-. MasterFILE Premier. EBSCOHost. Cypress Coll. Lib., Cypress, CA. 4 Dec. 2002 <<http://search.ebscohost.com>>.

Note: See section 5.9.7 of the MLA Handbook for more information about citing a work from an online subscription service, including dealing with page numbers.

Magazine Article from EBSCOHost (Library Database Subscription)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article.." Title of the Magazine or Source, Underlined. Month & Year of Publication: Beginning & Ending Page Number (if given) or Beginning Page Number- . Name of the Database Service. Name & Location of the Library Providing the Database, Day, Month, & Year material was accessed, <Web Address of the Database Service's Homepage>.

Beaton, George H. "Reply to Murphy, Barr, and Yates." Nutrition Reviews 64.7 (2006): 315-318. Academic Search Premier. 18 December 2006. <<http://search.ebscohost.com>>.

Newspaper Article from ProQuest: The Los Angeles Times & The New York Times Historical (Library Database Subscription)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Newspaper or Source, Underlined. Day, Month, Year of Publication, Edition (if given): Beginning & Ending Page Number (if given) or Beginning Page Number- . Name of the Database Service. Name of the Database Used, Underlined. Name & Location of the Library Providing the Database. Day, Month, & Year material was accessed, <Web Address of the Database Service's Homepage>.

Gaither, Chris and Dawn C. Chmielewski. "In YouTube Deal, Google Beats Yahoo at Its Own Media Game." The Los Angeles Times. 11 Oct. 2006, Home Edition: pg. C.1. ProQuest: The Los Angeles Times. ProQuest. Cypress College Lib., Cypress, CA. 13 October 2006 <<http://www.proquest.com/>>.

Newspaper Article from NewsBank (Library Database Subscription)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Newspaper or Source, Underlined. Day, Month, Year of Publication, Edition (if given): Beginning & Ending Page Number (if given) or Beginning Page Number- . Name of the Database Used. Name of the Database Service. Name & Location of the Library Providing the Database. Day, Month, & Year material was accessed, <Web Address of the Database Service's Homepage>.

Anstett, Patrica. "Detail on Guard for SARS." Detroit Free Press 26 Apr. 2003, Metro Final ed.: 1A-. NewsBank NewsFile Collection. Newsbank. Cypress College Lib., Cypress, CA. 13 May 2003 <<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/>>.

Article from Literature Resource Center (Library Database Subscription)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Original Source, Underlined. Publication Information or Source (see the note below), Name of the Database Used. Name of the Database Service. Name & Location of the Library Providing the Service. Day, Month, & Year material was accessed, <Web Address of the Database Service's Homepage>.

Gitenstein, Barbara R. "Saul Bellow: Overview." Reference Guide to American Literature. 3rd ed. 1994. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group Databases. Cypress College Lib., Cypress, CA. 14 May 2003

Note: Articles in the Gale Literature Resource Center may have originally come from reference books, journals or magazines. The original source is indicated at the end of each article. Ask a librarian for help if necessary and use the appropriate section in the MLA Handbook for citing the original source. The basic entry will always be followed by the online information, starting with the name of the database (Literature Resource Center) and ending with the database service's homepage address as in the example above. See section 5.9.7 of the MLA Handbook for more information

Article from Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center (Library Database Subscription)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Complete Title: Subtitle of the Original Source, Underlined. Ed. Name of the Editor, City of Publication: Name of Publisher. Year of Publication. Name of the Database Used, Underlined. Name of the Database Service. Name & Location of the Library Providing the Service. Day, Month, & Year material was accessed, <Web Address of the Database Service's Homepage>.

Source Citation as in Opposing Viewpoints Article (Online):

"Animal Cloning Is Unethical" by Wayne Pacelle. *Cloning*. Tamara L. Roleff, Ed. Opposing Viewpoints® Series. Greenhaven Press, 2006. Wayne Pacelle, "Is Animal Cloning Ethical?" *www.sfgate.com*, January 21, 2005. Copyright © 2005 by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Reproduced by permission of the author. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Thomson Gale. 16 November 2006
<<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/OVRC>>

Pacelle, Wayne. "Cloning." Opposing Viewpoints. Ed. Tamara L. Roleff. Opposing Viewpoints: Greenhaven Press, 2006. Rpt. of "Is Animal Cloning Ethical?" San Francisco Chronicle, 21 Jan. 2005. <<http://www.sfgate.com>>. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Thomson Gale. Cypress College Lib., Cypress, CA. 16 Nov. 2006 <<http://galenet.galegroup.com>>.

Documents from Professional, Personal or Scholarly Websites

Note: See sections 5.9.1 through 5.9.4 of the MLA Handbook for information on citing documents from Internet sites. When citing a web page, include as much of the following information as you can:

Author's/Editor's Last Name (if available), Author's/Editor's First Name (if available). "Title of the Article or Document." Title of Website or Database Used (or descriptive phrase such as Home Page). Name of any Sponsoring Institution/Organization Associated with the Website, Day, Month, & Year site was accessed. < Complete Web Address of the Document>.

"Acupuncture." National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Mar. 2002. National Institutes of Health. 14 May 2003 <<http://nccam.nih.gov/health/acupuncture/#acuandyou>>.

Note: The web page you are citing will often contain a link to the site's homepage. Following that link may provide you with more information about the site's sponsoring institution or page creator.