

The Works Cited Page – MLA Format

This guide is a brief introduction to some of the most common types of citations using MLA style. The rules of citing materials using MLA style are developed by the Modern Language Association (MLA). For specific examples not included in this guide, please consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th edition, 2009. Copies of the MLA Handbook are available in the reference stacks at the Cypress College Library.

Citing Sources within the Text

You must indicate to your readers not only what sources you used in writing your paper, but also where in the work you found the material. You give this information by inserting a parenthetical citation in your paper wherever you incorporate someone else's words, facts, or ideas. Usually, all you need is the author's last name and a page number.

The proliferation of VCRs in people's homes meant that "by the mid-1980s features shot directly on video were the standard" (Thomas 52).

List of Works Cited

- The list of works cited appears at the end of the paper, on a new page, continuing the page numbers of the text.
- Center the title, Works Cited, an inch from the top of the page
- Use double spacing throughout.
- Begin each entry at the left margin.
- If an entry runs more than one line, indent the subsequent lines one-half inch from the margin.
- For titles of works, capitalize the first word and all principal words.
- Alphabetize entries by the author's last name or, if no author, by the first main word in the title.

Common Print Sources

Book with a Single Author (See Section 5.5.2)

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

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

Book with Two Authors (See Section 5.5.4)

Author's Last Name, First Name, and Second Author's First Name Last Name. *Title of the Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Fowler, Jeaneane D., and Merv Fowler. *Chinese Religions: Beliefs and Practices*. Portland: Sussex, 2008. Print.

Book with Four or More Authors (See Section 5.5.4)

First Author's Last Name, First Name, et al. *Title of the Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Pomeroy, Sarah, et al. *A Brief History of Ancient Greece: Politics, Society, and Culture*. New York: Oxford UP, 2009. Print.

Chapter, Essay, or Other Work that Appears in an Anthology (See Section 5.5.6)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Work." *Title of the Anthology or Book Collection*. Ed. Editor's First Name Last Name. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Page Number – Page Number. Print.

McLaughlin, Abraham. "AIDS Is a Serious Problem in Africa." *Africa: Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. David M. Haugen. Farmington Hills: Greenhaven, 2008. 23-28. Print.

Article in a Well-Known General Encyclopedia (See Section 5.5.7)

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

McGinnis, Terri. "Cat." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 2001 ed. Print.

Article in a Specialized Encyclopedia or Dictionary (See Section 5.5.7)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Encyclopedia*. Ed. Followed by the Name of the Editor. Edition (if given). Volume. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Fischman, Marian W. "Cocaine." *Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol and Addictive Behavior*. Ed. Rosalyn Carson-DeWitt. 2nd ed. Vol. 1. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2001. Print.

Note: Look for the name of the author at the 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.

Article in a Scholarly Journal (See Section 5.4.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Scholarly Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): Page Number-Page Number. Print.

Foronda, Cynthia L. "A Concept Analysis of Cultural Sensitivity." *Journal of Transcultural Nursing* 19.3 (2008): 207-12. Print.

Article in a Magazine (See Section 5.4.6)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Magazine* Day Month Year of Publication: Page Number-Page Number. Print.

Gibbs, Nancy. "Does Temperament Matter?" *Time* 27 Oct. 2008: 40-46. Print.

Article in a Newspaper (See Section 5.4.5)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Newspaper* Day Month Year of Publication: First Page Number+. Print.

Hamburger, Tom. "No Bankruptcy Aid for Homeowners." *Los Angeles Times* 29 Sept. 2008: A10+. Print.

Note: Where a newspaper article continues on to non-consecutive pages, just list the first page number with a "+" after it, e.g., "A10+".

Electronic Sources

Electronic Book Via NetLibrary (See Section 5.6.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of the Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Name of the Electronic Book Provider. eBook. Day Month Year of Access.

Pescatore, Fred. *Allergy and Asthma Cure: A Complete 8-Step Nutritional Program*. Hoboken: Wiley, 2003. NetLibrary. Web. 2 June 2009.

Article from a Website (See Section 5.6.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Document." *Title of the Website*. Publisher of the Website, Day Month Year of Publication. Web. Day Month Year of Access. <URL>.

Bash, Dana. "Dems Want Automakers to Show Bailout Spending Plan." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 20 Nov. 2008. Web. 2 June 2009. <<http://www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/11/20/congress.auto.bailout/index.html/>>.

Note: With the 7th edition of the handbook, including URLs of given websites is now optional unless your instructor requires them.

Article from a Scholarly Journal Published Online Only (5.6.3)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): Page-Page. Web. Day Month Year of Access.

Folk, Carl. "Traditional Knowledge in Social–Ecological Systems." *Ecology and Society* 9.3 (2004): n. pag. Web. 2 June 2009.

Note: Use "n. pag." when the online scholarly journal does not have page numbers.

Article from a Periodical Publication Accessed Via a Subscription Database (5.6.4)

Database within EBSCOhost (e.g., Academic Search Premier)

Kosut, Mary. "An Ironic Fad: The Commodification and Consumption of Tattoos." *Journal of Popular Culture* 39.6 (2006): 1035-1048. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 20 Aug. 2009.

Note: The above example is for a scholarly journal article from the EBSCOhost database. For magazine and newspaper articles, see the format in examples below.

CQ Researcher

Billitteri, Thomas J. "Reducing Your Carbon Footprint." *CQ Researcher* 5 Dec. 2008: 985-1008. *CQ Researcher Online*. CQ Press. Web. 9 Dec. 2008.

NewsBank: America's News Magazines

Taylor, Alex. "Fixing Up Ford." *Fortune* 25 May 2009: 44. *NewsBank: America's News Magazines*. Web. 2 June 2009.

NewsBank: America's Newspapers

Nagourney, Adam. "Another Kind of Transition." *New York Times* 16 Dec. 2008: A24. *NewsBank: America's Newspapers*. Web. 5 June 2009.

ProQuest Newspapers

Hamburger, Tom. "No Bankruptcy Aid for Homeowners." *Los Angeles Times* 29 Sept. 2008: A10+. *ProQuest Newspapers*. Web. 2 June 2009.

CountryWatch

Coleman, Denise Youngblood. "Pakistan." *Political Intelligence Briefing*. 1 June 2009: n. pag. *CountryWatch*. Web. 3 June 2009.

Entry in a Non-periodical Publication Accessed Via an Online Subscription Database (Section 5.6.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Work." *Title of the Publication*. Ed. Editor's First Name Initial Last Name. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Page Number–Page Number. *Name of Database*. Web. Day Month Year of Access.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Frey, Rebecca J. "Chinese Massage." *The Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine*. Ed. Jacqueline L. Longe. Vol. 1. Detroit: Gale, 2005. 449-51. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 3 June 2009.

Gale Literature Resource Center

Rowe, Joyce. "Holden Caulfield and American Protest." *New Essays on The Catcher in the Rye*. Ed. Jack Salzman. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1991. 77-95. *Gale Literature Resource Center*. Web. 3 June 2009.

Opposing Viewpoints

McLaughlin, Abraham. "AIDS Is a Serious Problem in Africa." *Africa: Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. David M. Haugen. Farmington Hills: Greenhaven, 2008. 23-28. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 3 June 2009.

Additional Help

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