

MLA STYLE GUIDE

Citing references for a bibliography

The following guidelines for the construction of a bibliography are based on the 7th edition of the Modern Language Association of America's style manual, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed. (ReadyRef LB 2369 G53 2009, also available in Reference). This citation style is used primarily for research papers in the arts and humanities disciplines. This guide is only a small selection from what is covered in chapter 5 of the *MLA Handbook*, which should be consulted for a further explanation of this citation style. For more information on in-text citations, see chapter 6 of the *MLA Handbook*.

Bibliography/Works Cited

The bibliography or works cited list is usually arranged alphabetically by the first letter of the citation. This is usually the author's last name, though anonymous works (where no author is listed) are arranged by the first significant word in the title. The entire list should be double-spaced throughout each entry, and the lines after the first line of each entry should be indented 5 spaces.

BOOKS

Print Book (One author/editor):

Author's name (Last name, First name). *Title of the Book*. Publication location: Publisher, Year. Medium of Publication.

Erikson, Jon. *The Fate of the Object: From Modern Object to Postmodern Sign in Performance, Art, and Poetry*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1995. Print.

Online Book (One author/editor):

Author's name (Last name, First name). *Title of the Book*. [Original publication information: Publisher, Year.] *Title of Internet Site*. Editor of site, version number. Year of Electronic Publication. Name of any sponsoring organization. Medium of Publication. Access Date (Day, Month, Year).

Stanton, Elizabeth Cady. *The Woman's Bible*. [New York: European Pub. Co., c. 1895-98]. *Project Gutenberg*. 2006. Project Gutenberg Literary Archive Foundation. Web. 18 July 2009.

Two or more authors/editors:

Hammond, Wayne, and Christina Scull. *The Lord of the Rings: A Reader's Companion*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Print.

More than three authors/editors:

Bell-Scott, Patricia, et al., eds. *Double Stitch: Black Women Write about Mothers and Daughters*. Boston: Beacon, 1991. Print.

Anonymous Books:

The Holy Bible: New International Version. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978. Print.

The Holy Qur'an: with English Translation. 3rd rev. ed. Istanbul: Ilmi Nesriyat, 1996. Print.

REFERENCE WORKS

Author's name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*. Year. Medium of Publication.

Signed article (author's name is included):

Cornell, Vincent J. "Islam." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 2006. Print.

Unsigned article (no author name is included):

"Holocaust." *Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia*. 15th ed. 2007. Print.

Dictionary definition:

"Energy." Def. 3b. *Oxford English Dictionary*. 2nd ed. 1989. Print.

Reference article found online:

"Name of Article." *Title of Web site*. Medium of Publication. Date of Access listed as Day Month Year.

"Austen, Jane." *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Web. 15 May 2009.

PERIODICAL ARTICLES

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): page range. Medium of Publication.

Scholarly Journal Articles (Print):

Cameron, Lynn and Alice Deignan. "The Emergence of Metaphor in Discourse." *Applied Linguistics* 27.4 (2006): 671-90. Print.

Scholarly Journal Articles (Online):

Online-only Journal Article:

Author name (Last name, first name). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): page range
Medium of Publication. Date of Access written as Day Month Year.

Murphy, Jamie, Noor Hazarina Hashim, and Peter O'Connor. "Take Me Back: Validating the Wayback Machine." *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* 13.1 (2007). Web. 29 June 2008.

Journal Article found in Library Database:

Author name (Last name, first name). "Title of Article" *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): page range. *Title of Database*. Medium of Publication. Date of Access written as Day Month Year.

Gordon, Mordechai. "What makes interdisciplinary research original? Integrative scholarship reconsidered." *Oxford Review of Education* 33.2 (May 2007): 195-209. *Education Research Complete*. Web. 29 June 2009.

Magazine Articles (Print):

Author name (last name, first name). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: Page range.
Medium of Publication.

Carr, Nicholas. "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" *Atlantic Monthly* July 2008: 56-63. Print.

Magazine Articles (Online):

Online Magazine Article:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: Page range. Medium of Publication. Date of access written as Day Month Year.

Farid, Hany. "Digital Forensics: How Experts Uncover Doctored Images." *Scientific American* June 2008: n. pag. Web. 18 July 2009.

Note that "n.pag" is the abbreviation used for "no pagination," which means the article has no page numbers.

Magazine Article found in Library Database:

Author name (last name, first name). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: Page range. *Title of database*. Medium of Publication. Date of Access written as Day Month Year.

Stix, Gary. "Traces of a Distant Past." *Scientific American* 299.1 July 2008: 56-63. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 18 July 2009.

Newspaper Articles:

National Newspaper Article:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Day Month Year, Edition (if any): Section Page. Medium of Publication.

Polgreen, Lydia. "Governing Party Wins in Nigeria, but Many Claim Fraud." *New York Times* 24 Apr. 2007, late ed.: A3. Print.

Local Newspaper Article:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* [City of Publication] Day Month Year, Edition (if any): Section Page. Medium of Publication.

Sheehan, Jennifer. "Bite-sized and Sizzling; Grilled Appetizers Declare Independence from Ordinary July 4 Fare." *Morning Call* [Allentown, PA] 25 June 2008: D1. Print.

Online Newspaper or Newswire Article (NOT found in a Library Database):

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* [City of Publication] Day Month Year.

Medium of Publication. Access date listed as Day Month Year.

Waldman, Scott. "Spring-loaded Stress Relief: Students Blow Off Steam as UAlbany Tradition Ushers in Season of Shorts and Flip-flops." *Times Union* [Albany] 28 April 2008. Web. 29 June 2009.

Newspaper Article found in a Library Database:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* [City of Publication]. Day Month Year.

Title of Database. Medium of Publication. Access date listed as Day Month Year.

Pickus, Ian. "Picked Off." *The Albany Student Press* [Albany] 29 August 2007. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 19 July 2009.

Article with No Named Author (Print):

"Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: Page range. *Medium of Publication*.

"The Hot Box." *Billboard* 7 June 2008: 53. Print.

Article with No Named Author (Online):

"Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: Page range. *Title of Database*. Medium of Publication.

Date of Access written as Day Month Year.

"What the Kids Aren't Reading." *Time* 15 Oct. 2007: 18-19. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 18 July 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS PRINT AND NONPRINT SOURCES

An Interview:

Name of person interviewed (last name, first name). Type of interview. Day Month Year.

Types of interviews include Personal interviews, Telephone interviews, and E-mail interviews.

Philip, George M. Personal Interview. 30 June 2009.

Recorded Movies:

Title of film. Dir. (first name, last name of director). Include performers if applicable to your work. Original release year. Film studio or distributor, recorded movie release year. Format.

The Godfather. Dir. Francis Ford Coppola. Perf. Marlon Brando and Al Pacino. 1972. Paramount, 2001. DVD.

Television or Radio Programs:

“Title of the episode.” *Title of program or series.* Name of the network (if any), Call letters and city of local station (if any). Broadcast date. Medium of reception.

“Energy Proposals Top Capitol Hill Agenda.” Narr. Brian Naylor. *Morning Edition.* Natl. Public Radio. WAMC, Albany. 14 July 2008. Radio.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Citing government publications can be complicated as they are published in an enormous variety of formats emanating from many different sources. The general form is the same as other citations, depending on the format. Special attention, however, should be paid to identifying the author, or the government agency, of the document. Abbreviate the name of the agency if the context makes it clear. For example, GPO is the common acronym used to indicate Government Printing Office.

Example (Print):

Name of the Country. Author Name or Name of Government Agency that Issued the Document. *Title of the document.* Place of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Medium of Publication.

United States. Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States. *Plunder and Restitution: The U.S. and Holocaust Victims Assets: Findings and Recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States and Staff Report.* Washington: GPO, 2000. Print.

Example (Online):

Name of Government. Name of Government Agency that Issued the Document. *Title of the document.* Medium of Publication. Date of access written as Day Month Year.

United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation. *Crime in the United States.* Web. 29 Oct. 2009.

INTERNET SOURCES

There are many different types of online sources you may wish to cite, all of which cannot be covered here. This is only a basic description. A detailed explanation for citing online sources can be found in chapter 5.6 of the *MLA Handbook* and should be consulted if you are uncertain about the format. The basic formula for citing online sources is as follows:

Author's name. "Title of the document." *Title of the Web site*. Publisher or sponsor of the site (if available),
Medium of Publication. Date of access listed as Day Month Year.

Online Site for a Television News Network:

"Title of Article." *Name of Web site*. Name of Television Network, Day Month Year. Medium of Publication.
Date of access listed as Day Month Year.

"Utah Mine Rescue Funeral." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 21 Aug. 2007. Web. 21 Aug. 2009.

Online Site for a Print Magazine:

Author's name. "Title of Article." *Title of Web site*. Title of Print Publication, Day Month Year. Medium of
Publication. Date of access listed as Day Month Year.

Tyre, Peg. "Standardized Tests in College?" *Newsweek*. Newsweek, 16 Nov. 2007. Web. 15 May 2009.

Online Radio Program:

"Title of Article." *Title of Web site*. Title of Radio Program, Day Month Year. Medium of Publication. Date of
Access listed as Day Month Year.

"Hourly News Summary." *National Public Radio*. Natl. Public Radio, 20 July 2007. Web. 20 July 2009.

Online Map:

"Title of Map." Map. *Title of Web site*. Publisher or sponsor of site, Day Month Year. Medium of
Publication. Date of access listed as Day Month Year.

"Maplewood, New Jersey." Map. *Google Maps*. Google, 15 May 2008. Web. 15 May 2009.

Online Image:

Name of Photographer. *Title of Image*, Year. Publisher or Sponsor. *Title of Web site*. Medium of Publication.

Date of access listed as Day Month Year.

Lange, Dorothea. *The Migrant Mother*. 1936. Prints and Photographs Div., Lib. of Cong. *Dorothea Lange: Photographer of the People*. Web. 9 May 2009.

Blog Entry:

“Title of Article.” *Title of Blog*. Publisher or Sponsor, Day Month Year. Medium of Publication. Date of Access, listed as Day Month Year.

“It’s a Keeper: Zucchini, Potato and Ham Soup.” *Everything Rachael Ray*. Blogspot, 7 October 2009. Web. 13 October 2009.

Online Video:

Screen name of author. “Title of Video.” Video. *Name of Web site*. Publisher or Sponsor, Day Month Year. Medium of Publication. Date of Access listed as Day Month Year.

Gottesman Libraries. “100 Banned Books.” Video. *YouTube*. YouTube, 18 September 2008. Web. 13 October 2009.

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