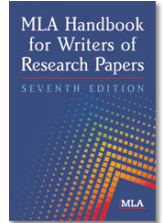


MLA Style Guide



General Notes

- “MLA style is flexible, and sometimes you must improvise to record features not anticipated by this handbook.” p. 182-3
- If there are more than three authors, you may name only the first and add “et al” (“and others”), or include all of the authors in the order they appear on the title page or list of contributors. If no author, begin with the title. 5.5.4, 5.5.9
- Omit leading articles (e.g. A, An, The) from the titles of English-language periodicals. 5.4.2, 5.4.5
- Abbreviate most months: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. 7.2
- Other common abbreviations: if an item is undated, use N.d. for ‘No Date.’ If a publisher is usually included in your type of citation but none can be found, use N.p. for ‘No Publisher.’ If no page numbers, use N.pag.

Internet and Electronic Sources

- Only include URLs if the site/page is difficult to find by searching, or if your instructor requires it. 5.6.1
- URL format – add after date of access, a period, and a space: <http://www.somewebsite.com/directory/>.

Article from a Library Periodical Database (i.e. Academic Search Premier, ProQuest Newspapers, etc.) 5.6.4

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i> Volume.Issue (Year): Page Numbers. <i>Title of the database</i> . Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access. Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Newspaper Title</i> Day Month Year, Edition, Section: Page Numbers. <i>Title of the database</i> . Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access.
<i>Examples</i>	Dills, Isabelle, and Peter Jensen. “Fire Destroys Closed Antique District in Bellingham.” <i>Bellingham Herald</i> 1 Mar. 2010: Top Stories sec.: n. pag. <i>America’s Newspapers</i> . Web. 6 Apr. 2010. Evangelista, Stefano. “Victorian and Edwardian Responses to the Italian Renaissance.” <i>Victorian Studies</i> 48.4 (2006): 729-731. <i>Academic Search Premier</i> . Web. 13 Jan. 2010.

Online Newspapers and Magazines (not from a library database) 5.6.2b

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Web Site Title</i> . Publisher, Day Month Year. Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access.
<i>Examples</i>	Jensen, Peter. “Cause of Old Town Fire Could Remain a Mystery.” <i>Bellingham Herald</i> . Bellingham Herald, 3 Mar. 2010. Web. 6 Apr. 2010.

Note: “Web sites sponsored by newspapers and magazines are generally nonperiodical...” (MLA 184).

Note: If publisher is not available, use N.p.

Internet-Only Scholarly Journal (not published in print; not from a library database) 5.6.3

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i> Volume.Issue (Year): Page Numbers. Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access.
<i>Examples</i>	Rose, Katherine K. “Student Perceptions of the Use of Instructor-Made Videos in Online and Face-to-Face Classes.” <i>MERLOT Journal of Online Learning and Teaching</i> 5.3 (2009): 487-495. Web. 6 Apr. 2010.

E-Books, and Electronic Version of Print Books

5.6.2b & c

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). <i>Book Title</i> . Place of publication: Publisher, Year. <i>Web Site Name</i> . Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access.
<i>Examples</i>	Becker, Marc. <i>Pachakutik : Indigenous Movements and Electoral Politics in Ecuador</i> . Blue Ridge Summit: Rowman & Littlefield, 2010. <i>ebrary</i> . Web. 9 Jan. 2012. “gate array.” <i>Dictionary of Computing</i> . Oxford: Oxford UP, 1997. 208. <i>NetLibrary</i> . Web. 7 Apr. 2010. Sparks, Edwin Erle, ed. <i>Collections of the Illinois State Library, Volume III: Lincoln Series, Vol. I: The Lincoln–Douglas Debates of 1858</i> . Springfield: Trustees of the Illinois State Library, 1908. <i>Google Books</i> . Web. 7 Apr. 2010.

Note: For a book that was originally printed, then scanned and accessed online, you will usually want to first include normal citation information for a printed book, and then append information about how it was accessed.

Page from a Web Site

5.6.2

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). “Page Title.” <i>Web Site Title</i> . Publisher, Day Month Year of Publication [use n.d. if not available]. Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access.
<i>Examples</i>	Topolsky, Joshua. “Apple iPad Review.” <i>Engadget</i> . Weblogs Inc., 3 Apr. 2010. Web. 9 Apr. 2010. “Bellingham, WA.” Map. <i>Google Maps</i> . Google, 2010. Web. 9 Apr. 2010.

Note: If no author, start the reference with the title of the page.

Government Publication Accessed Online

5.6.2 (with 5.5.20)

<i>Format</i>	Government Name. Government Agency. <i>Title of Publication</i> . Publisher. Date of Publication. <i>Website Name</i> . Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access.
<i>Examples</i>	Port of Bellingham. <i>New Whatcom Redevelopment Project: Draft Environmental Impact Statement</i> . Bellingham: Port of Bellingham. 9 Jan. 2008. <i>Port of Bellingham – Waterfront Redevelopment</i> . Web. 13 Apr. 2010. Washington State. Dept. of Natural Resources. <i>Report to the Legislature: Lake Whatcom Landscape Pilot Project</i> . Olympia: Dept. of Natural Resources. Dec. 2004, Revised 1 Jan. 2005. <i>WA DNR Publications</i> . Web. 13 April 2010.

Email/Personal Communication

5.7.13

<i>Format</i>	Email Writer’s Name. “Message Title [taken from subject line].” Message to the author. Day Month Year of Message. Medium of Delivery.
<i>Examples</i>	Kunka, Andrew. “Re. Modernist Literature.” Message to the author. 15 Nov. 2000. E-mail.

Print Sources

Book

5.5

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). <i>Title</i> . Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	Henley, Patricia. <i>The Hummingbird House</i> . Denver: MacMurray, 1999. Print. Klinger, Donna, and Lucie Lapovsky, eds. <i>Strategic Financial Challenges for Higher Education: How to Achieve Quality, Accountability, and Innovation</i> . San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2008. Print.

Part of a Book (chapter or essay)

5.5.6

<i>Format</i>	Author(s) of Chapter. "Chapter Title." <i>Book Title</i> . Book Editor(s), Translator(s), or Compiler(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page Numbers. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	Hanzlik, Josef. "Vengeance." Trans. Ewald Osers. <i>Interference: The Story of Czechoslovakia in the Words of Its Writers</i> . Comp. and ed. Peter Spafford. Cheltenham: New Clarion, 1992. 54. Print. More, Hannah. "The Black Slave Trade: A Poem." <i>British Women Poets of the Romantic Era</i> . Ed. Paula R. Feldman. Baltimore: John Hopkins UP, 1997. 472-82. Print.

Note: If there are no editors, include the word "in" before the book title.

Note: For a chapter in one volume of a multi-volume set or series, list the series editor first and the volume editor second.

Note: "If all the works in the collection have the same translator or if the book has an editor or compiler, write Trans., Ed., or Comp. ..., as appropriate, after the book title and give that person's name (MLA 157)." But if there is more than one translator for the book, include the chapter translator after the chapter title.

Opposing Viewpoints Series (i.e. Chapter of a Book Reprinted from Other Sources with a New Title)

5.5.6 and 5.6.2

<i>Format: Article with new title</i>	Author(s) of original work. "Chapter Title." <i>Book Title</i> . Ed. Book Editor(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page Numbers. Medium of Publication. Rpt. of "Original Article Title." <i>Journal Title</i> Volume.Issue [if there is one] (Year): Page Numbers.
<i>Web article with new title</i>	Author(s) of original work. "Chapter Title." <i>Book Title</i> . Ed. Book Editor(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page Numbers. Medium of Publication. Rpt. of "Original Page Title." <i>Web Site Title</i> . Publisher, Day Month Year of Publication [use n.d. if not available].
<i>Examples: Article with new title</i>	Dames, K. Matthew. "Plagiarism is Different From Copyright Infringement." <i>Copyright Infringement</i> . Ed. Roman Espejo. Detroit: Gale Cengage Learning, 2009. 32-39. Print. Rpt. of "Understanding Plagiarism and How it Differs From Copyright Infringement." <i>Computers in Libraries</i> 27.6 (2004): 24-27.
<i>Web article with new title</i>	Aufderheide, Patricia, and Peter Jaszi. "Many Viral Videos Use Copyrighted Materials Legally." <i>Copyright Infringement</i> . Ed. Roman Espejo. Detroit: Gale Cengage Learning, 2009. 112-123. Print. Rpt. of "Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Online Video." <i>Center for Social Media</i> . American University. 8 July 2008.

Note: The "Viewpoints" in the Opposing Viewpoints books are reprints of previously published works, mostly from periodicals and websites. Cite them as reprints that have a new title. If you know that only a portion of the original article has been printed, replace 'Rpt. of' with 'Excerpt from'. The introductions to the Opposing Viewpoints books, chapters, and viewpoints are written by the editors of the Opposing Viewpoints books, and should be cited as original content.

Reprint of Article as Book Chapter, Title Unchanged

5.5.6

<i>Format</i>	Author(s) of Chapter. "Chapter Title." <i>Journal Title</i> Volume.Issue [if there is one] (Year): Page Numbers. Rpt. in <i>Book Title</i> . Ed. Book Editor(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page Numbers. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	Safe, Stephen H. "Environmental and Dietary Estrogens and Human Health: Is There a Problem?" <i>Environmental Health Perspectives</i> 103.4 (1995): N.pag. Rpt. in <i>Taking sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Environmental Issues</i> . Ed. Theodore D. Goldfarb. 9th ed. Guilford: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2001. Print.

Article in a Reference Book

5.5.7

<i>Format</i>	Author(s) of Article. "Article Title." <i>Book Title</i> . Editor(s). Edition. Volume. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of Publication. Author(s) of Article. "Article Title." <i>Book Title</i> . Edition. Year of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	Allen, Anita L. "Privacy in Health Care." <i>Encyclopedia of Bioethics</i> . Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. ed. Vol. 4. New York: Simon & Schuster Macmillan, 1995. Print. "Symbolism." <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> . 10th ed. 1993. Print.

Note: If citing only one volume of a multivolume work, include only that volume number after the edition. If citing more than one volume of a multivolume work, cite the total number of volumes in the work. If the reference book is not organized alphabetically, include the page number(s) of the article after the publication date.

Note: If article is unsigned, give the title first.

Note: For widely-used reference books, don't give full publication information. List only edition (if stated), year, and medium.

Journal Article

5.4.2

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). "Article Title." <i>Journal Title</i> Volume.Issue [if there is one] (Year): Page Numbers. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	Vickery, Laurie. "The Politics of Abuse: The Traumatized Child in Toni Morrison and Marguerite Duras." <i>Mosaic</i> 29.2 (1996): 91-109. Print.

Note: Omit leading articles from the titles of English-language periodicals: *Journal of General Psychology*, not *The Journal of General Psychology*.

Magazine Article

5.4.6

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). "Article Title." <i>Magazine Title</i> Day Month Year: Page Numbers. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	During, Nesrin. "The Unknown Knowns: Nesrin During Finds Much to Contemplate in Petra Wolfe's Organic-based Objects." <i>Ceramic Review</i> Sept.-Oct. 2009: 52-55. Print. Poniewozik, James. "TV Makes a Too-Close Call." <i>Time</i> 20 Nov. 2000: 70-71. Print.

Newspaper Article

5.4.5

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). "Article Title." <i>Newspaper Title</i> Day Month Year, Edition of Newspaper [if available], Section [if not indicated as part of the page number]: Page Numbers. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	Liptak, Adam. "Stevens, The One and Only." <i>New York Times</i> 11 Apr. 2010, National ed., Week in Review sec.: 1+. Print. O'Hagan, Maureen. "Crusading From Court to Congress." <i>Seattle Times</i> 23 Nov. 2009: A1+. Print

Note: If the city of publication is not included in the name of a locally published paper, add the city in square brackets, not italicized, after the newspaper title.

Note: If the article is printed on non-consecutive pages, give the first page number followed by a plus sign.

Government Publication

5.5.20

<i>Format</i>	Government Name. Government Agency. <i>Title of Publication</i> . Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	United States. Census Bureau. <i>Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2010</i> . 129th ed. Lanham: Berman, 2009. Print. ---. National Institute of Mental Health. <i>Clinical Training in Serious Mental Illness</i> . Washington: GPO, 1990. Print.

Note: If citing multiple sources from the same government, replace the name of the government with three hyphens.

Media Sources

A Film or a Video Recording

5.7.3

<i>Format</i>	<i>Title</i> . Dir. Director. [Other Contributors and their Roles, if relevant]. [Original Release Date, if relevant]. Distributor, Year. Medium of Publication. Contributor, role. <i>Title</i> . Dir. Director. [Other Contributors and their Roles, if relevant]. [Original Release Date, if relevant]. Distributor, Year. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	<i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> . Dir. Davis Guggenheim. Perf. Al Gore. Paramount Classics: 2006. Film. Mifune, Toshiro, perf. <i>Rashomon</i> . Dir. Akira Kurosawa. 1950. Criterion Collection: 2001. DVD. "The Yadda Yadda." By Peter Mehlman and Jill Franklyn. <i>Seinfeld</i> . Dir. Andy Ackerman. Perf. Jerry Seinfeld. 1997. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2007. DVD.

Note: If relevant to your paper, you may include information about additional contributors between the Director and the Distributor. For example, screenwriters, performers, producers may all be of interest. Precede the contributor's name with their role. Abbreviate roles when possible (Perf. for Performer, or Prod. for Producer, for example.).

Note: If your focus is on one of the contributors, begin the entry with that person and their role.

Television or Radio Broadcast

5.7.1

<i>Format</i>	“Episode Title [if any].” Other Pertinent Episode Information [if any]. <i>Program or Series Title</i> . Other Pertinent Series Information [if any]. Name of the Network. Call Letters, City. Broadcast Day Month Year. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	<p>“Sadness Swells Across W.Va. Mining Communities.” Narr. Allison Keyes. <i>Weekend Edition Sunday</i>. Natl. Public Radio. KUOW, Seattle, 11 Apr. 2010. Radio</p> <p>Wells, Orson, dir. “The War of the Worlds.” By H. G. Wells. Adapt. Howard Koch. <i>Mercury Theatre on the Air</i>. CBS Radio. WCBS, New York, 30 Oct. 1938. Radio.</p> <p>“The Yadda Yadda.” By Peter Mehlman and Jill Franklyn. <i>Seinfeld</i>. Dir. Andy Ackerman. Perf. Jerry Seinfeld. NBC. KING, Seattle, 24 Apr. 1997. Television.</p>

Note: When your focus is on the work of an individual involved in a program, begin the citation with that person and their role.

Note: If you access the program (or transcript of the program) on the web, see 5.6.2.

Sound Recording

5.7.2, 5.7.18

<i>Format</i>	Composer, Conductor, or Performer(s). “Song Title [if relevant].” <i>Title of Recording</i> . Artists. Label, Date of Issue. Medium of Publication.
<i>Examples</i>	<p>Bizet, Georges. <i>Carmen</i>. Perf. Jennifer Laramore, Thomas Moser, Angela Gheorghiu, and Samuel Ramey. Bavarian State Orch. and Chorus. Cond. Giuseppe Sinopoli. Warner, 1996. CD.</p> <p>McPherson, James M. <i>Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era</i>. Narr. Jonathan Davis. Prince Frederick: Recorded Books, 2007. MP3 file.</p> <p>The National. “Fake Empire.” <i>Boxer</i>. Beggars Banquet. 2007. CD.</p>

Videoclip Posted to an Internet Site (i.e. YouTube)

5.6.2b & d

<i>Format</i>	Author(s) or Other Originator(s). “Title of Part.” <i>Title of Whole</i> . <i>Name of Web Site</i> . Version or Edition [if needed]. Publisher or Sponsor, Day Month Year Posted. Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access.
<i>Examples</i>	<p>Glennie, Evelyn. “Evelyn Glennie: How to Listen to Music With Your Whole Body.” <i>TEDtalks</i>. <i>YouTube</i>. YouTube, 14 May 2007. Web. 19 Apr. 2010.</p> <p>“Obama’s Deal.” Prod. Michael Kirk. <i>Frontline</i>. PBS, 13 Apr. 2010. Web. 19 Apr. 2010.</p>

Note: Which citation components you include will depend on the item and your purposes. It may be important to note where an item was originally published, for example, or that it is a part of a larger work.

Format	<p>Interviewee. Interview. "Title of Part of Publication or Program." <i>Title of Publication or Program</i>. Appropriate Publishing Information. Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of Access [if online].</p> <p>Interviewee. Kind of Interview. Day Month Year of Interview.</p>
Examples	<p>Liasson, Mara. Interview by Liane Hansen. "The Politics of Nuclear Security and Court Nominees." <i>Weekend Edition Sunday</i>. Natl. Public Radio. NPR, n.p., 11 Apr. 2010. Web. Transcript. 15 Apr. 2010.</p> <p>Rowling, J.K. E-mail Interview. 8-12 May 2002.</p>

Note: Include information about the interviewer if available and relevant to your purposes.

Note: If **you** conducted the interview, give the name of the person interviewed, the kind of interview (Personal interview, Telephone interview, E-mail interview), and the date(s) such as shown in the 2nd example.

In-Text Citations

For advice on in-text citations, refer to chapter 6 of the *MLA Handbook*. See also the Purdue Online Writing Lab's section "MLA In-Text Citations: The Basics" at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/>.

Source: Modern Language Association of America. *MLA Handbook For Writers of Research Papers*. 7th ed. New York: MLA. 2009. Print.

Examples provided by:

- Whatcom Community College Library
- MLA Handbook, 7th ed.
- The Online Writing Lab at Purdue: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>
- Glendale Community College's MLA Style Guides: <http://lib.gccaz.edu/lmc/help/citations/MLACiteElec.pdf>
- Bedford St. Martin's /Diane Hacker: http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_o.html

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