

MLA Format Examples

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Note: All citations should be double spaced; they are not in these examples due to space constraints.

Print Sources

Books

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher, year. Medium.

Example:

Price, Joann F. *Barack Obama : a biography*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2008. Print.

Articles in Reference Books (Notice that common reference books such as general encyclopedias do not require specific publisher information; less familiar reference books do.)

Author's name. "Title of article." *Reference Book Title*. Publisher information. Medium.

Examples:

Cornwell, Anne Christake. "Down Syndrome." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 2007 ed. Print.

Gustainis, Justin. "Serial Killers." *Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell-Bottoms: Pop Culture of 20th-Century America*. Ed. Sara Pendergast and Tom Pendergast. Vol. 4: 1960s-1970s. Detroit: UXL, 2002. Print.

Scholarly Journal

Author's name. "Title of the article." *Periodical Title* Volume number.issue number (year): page numbers. Medium.

Example:

Flight, Monica Hoyos. "Stem cells: Modeling genetic diseases with iPS cells." *Nature Reviews Neuroscience* 10.2 (Feb. 2009): 85-85. Print.

Magazine Article

Author's name. "Title of the article." *Periodical Title* Day Month Year: page numbers. Medium.

Example:

Griggs, Jessica. "Robot gliders patrol the ocean." *New Scientist* 29 Nov. 2008: 28-29. Print.

Newspaper Articles (If the city name does not appear in the name of a locally published newspaper, add it in brackets, not underlined, after the name of the newspaper. Use a + after the page number if the article is continued on another page.)

Author's name. "Title of article." *Newspaper Title* Day Month Year: page and section. Medium.

Example:

O'Donnell, Jayne. "Winter weather chills sales." *USA Today* 23 Dec. 2008: 3B. Print.

Electronic Media

The formats for internet sites and library database sites are different. (Remember to use *n.p.* if no publisher name is available and *n.d.* if no publishing date is given.)

Here are some common features you should try and find before citing electronic sources in MLA style:

- Author and/or editor names (if available)
- Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
- Title of the Website, project, or book in italics.
- Any version numbers available, including revisions, posting dates, volumes, or issue numbers.
- Publisher information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
- Take note of any page numbers (if available).
- Date you accessed the material.
- URL (if required, or for your own personal reference).

Internet Sites

Editor or Author.(if available). *Name of Site*. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium. Date of access.

Examples:

Felluga, Dino. *Guide to Literary and Critical Theory*. Purdue U, 28 Nov. 2003. Web. 10 May 2006.

"How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow.com*. eHow, n.d. Web. 24 Feb. 2009.

Online Databases or Library Subscription Service

Cite articles from online databases and other subscription services just as you would print sources.

Provide the title of the database italicized, the medium, and the date of access. **If a URL is available for the home page of the service, include it. Do not include a URL to the article itself, because it is not openly accessible.**

Examples:

Berger, James D. and Helmut J. Schmidt. "Regulation of Macronuclear DNA Content in Paramecium Tetraurelia." *The Journal of Cell Biology* 76.1 (1978): 116-126. *JSTOR*. Web. 20 Nov. 2009.

Grabe, Mark. "Voluntary Use of Online Lecture Notes: Correlates of Note Use and Note Use as an Alternative to Class Attendance." *Computers and Education* 44 (2005): 409-21. ScienceDirect. Purdue U Lib., West Lafayette, IN. 28 May 2006 <<http://www.sciencedirect.com/>>.

Online Periodical

Include both the name of the website in italics and the website publisher. Follow with date of publication, *Web* as medium, and the date of access.

Example:

Lubell, Sam. "Of the Sea and Air and Sky." *New York Times*. New York Times, 26 Nov. 2008. Web. 1 Dec. 2009.