

Citations Using MLA

IMPORTANT: If your instructor has supplied you with a book or handout for MLA Documentation, use that information rather than this handout. See the last page for a sample. If you need citations for items that are not listed in this guide sheet, contact the librarians.

Important Information

PUBLISHERS:

- **Shorten publisher names.** Use the surname of the first person's name. For John Wiley and Sons, use: Wiley. For Harcourt Brace, use: Harcourt.
- **Omit articles** (A, An, The), business abbreviations (Co., Inc.) and descriptive words (Books, House, Press, Publishers). For Ohio State University Press, use Ohio State UP.
- **Use:** UP for University Press. **Use:** Federation P for Federation Press. **Use:** U of Cambridge P for University of Cambridge Press.

Do not use any states in the location part of the citations.

List the authors or editors for **each** citation in the order given on the publication. If there are two or more authors or editors, put the last name and then first name of the first author. Then put the other names with the first name first: White, Jean Marie, Joe Brown, and Sue Ellen Adams.

If Abbreviated Edition is indicated on the title page, use: Abr. ed. **If Revised Edition** is indicated on the title page, use: Rev. ed. **If Second Edition** is indicated on the title page, use: 2nd ed.

Capitalize the first word, proper nouns, and all important words of a **book** title, **Internet** article title, a **magazine article** title and a **subtitle**.

Personal Interview It is preferable to include the name of the person in the text, rather than in a parenthetical reference.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES:

- **If the pages** are not consecutive, use the first page followed by a +. Example: 23+. (The title of the article is in quotation marks and the title of the magazine is underlined.)

If there is no author listed, start with the title followed by the rest of the citation.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- **Journal Paginated by Issue** (The numbering of pages starts over with each issue.) List the volume number followed by the issue number separated by a period: 181.3
- **Journal with Continuous Pagination** (The numbering of pages continues from issue to issue.) The volume number is listed, but not the issue number.

In EBSCOhost, if the format is PDF, use the citations that are given in the section for Magazine and Journal Articles. If the format is HTML and if only the first page number is given, give the page number followed by a hyphen, a space, and a period. Example for the information given as p18, 4p use: 18- .

In newspaper articles: If the pages are not consecutive, use the first page followed by a +. Example: A23+.

Underline **book titles**, **magazine titles**, and **newspaper names**.

Divide a URL after a slash or before a period if the address will not fit on one line. Ideally, the URL of the exact document you consulted should be given. If the URL is long and complicated, it is preferable to give the URL of the site's home page, if such a page exists. Follow the URL with the word: Path and a colon and then list the links. Example:
<http://www.smu.edu> Path: Abstracts; K-O.

If there is no date listed, use: n.d.

If there is **no author listed**, start with the title.

Books, Brochures, and Pamphlets

Single Author

Lampe, Gregory P. Frederick Douglass: Freedom's Voice. East Lansing: Michigan State UP, 1998.

Two or Three Authors

Andrews, Kevin, Susie Tanner, and Michelle Curtis. A Changing Australia: The Social, Cultural and Economic Trends. Annandale: Federation P, 1998.

More Than Three Authors:

Brown, Frank, et al. On the Edge of the World. Dubuque: U of Dubuque P, 2004.

Second or Later Edition

Lerner, Gerda. The Grimke Sisters from South Carolina. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford UP, 1998.

Edited Book

Smith, John, and Margaret Jolly, eds. Colonial Experience. Cambridge: U of Cambridge P, 1998.

Chapter in Anthology or a Compilation

Author(s) of Chapter. "Chapter Title." Title of Book. Ed. followed by the editor's name. City: Publisher, Copyright Year. Pages of Chapter.

Example:

Deeb, Robert, and Charles D. Brower. "Law and Justice." American Decades: 1950-1959. Ed. Richard Layman. Detroit: Gale, 1994, 225-256.

Encyclopedias

Chaney, Warren Henry. "Ventriloquism." Collier's Encyclopedia. 52nd ed. 1996.

Dictionaries

"Noon." Def. 4b. The Oxford English Dictionary. 2nd ed. 1989.

Government Publications

United States. Census Bureau. Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1999. Washington: GPO, 1999.

Magazine Articles

Drucker, Peter. "Beyond the Information Revolution." Atlantic Monthly Oct. 1999: 47-48.

Journal Articles Paginated by Issue

**(In other words, the numbering of pages starts over with each issue.
In the example the volume is 181 and the issue number is 3.)**

Kauffman, James M., and Harold J. Burbach. "Creating Classroom Civility." Journal of Education 181.3 (1998): 12-18.

Journal Articles with Continuous Pagination
(In other words, the numbering of pages continues from issue to issue.
In the example the volume is 90 and the issue is not listed.)

Jones, Paul Church. "Behavior Modification in the Classroom." Journal of Educational Psychology 90
(1998): 605-19.

Library Subscription Service (EBSCOhost)

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Day Month Year: Page Number. Database.
EBSCOhost. Kirkwood Community Coll. Lib., Cedar Rapids, IA. Access Date
<<http://search.epnet.com>>.

Example:

Smith, Gary. "Onward to the Top." Successful Business. 22 May 2003: 18- . Academic
Search Elite. EBSCOhost. Kirkwood Community Coll. Lib., Cedar Rapids, IA. 29 Nov.
2005 <<http://search.epnet.com>>.

Newspaper Articles

Price, Hugh B. "S.A.T. Scores." New York Times 26 May 1998, late ed.: A23+.
"Security in Airports." The Gazette [Cedar Rapids] 5 Dec. 2002: A1.

Editorial

Brown, Sue. "Keeping the Businesses." Editorial. New York Times 4 Jan. 2003, late ed.: A18.

Personal Interviews

Rivera, Julian. Personal interview. 24 Mar. 2000.

Literary Criticism

Magazine Article Cited

Wilson, Edmund. "The Ambiguity of Henry James." The Hound and Horn 7 (1934): 385-406. Rpt. in Short
Story Criticism. Ed. Thomas Votteler: Vol. 8. Detroit: Gale, 1991. 274-6.

Book Cited

Smith, Annie. "The Nature Walk." Environmental Protection. New York: Mentor, 1990. 34-36. Rpt. in
Contemporary Literary Criticism. Ed. Thomas Votteler. Vol. 20. Detroit: Gale, 1999. 23-36.

Opposing Viewpoints (Rpt. is Reprint; n. pag. is no pagination)

Author of Chapter. "Chapter Title." Book Title. Ed. Editor of the Book. City: Publisher, Year. All Chapter Pages. Rpt. of [Information is given at the bottom of the first page of the chapter.]

Example:

Clancy, Tom, and Russell Seitz. "Nuclear Proliferation is Inevitable." Nuclear Proliferation: Opposing Viewpoints. Ed. Charles P. Cozic. San Diego: Greenhaven P, 1992. 33-48. Rpt. of "Five Minutes Past Midnight and Welcome to the Age of Proliferation." The National Interest Winter 1991/1992: n. pag.

Internet Sources

No Author and No Date

"Title of Page." Date of the Site. Date of Access <web address>.

Example:

"Home for the Holidays." n.d. 28 June 2004 <http://www.holiday_home.com>.

Author and Date

Author. "Title of Page." Date. Access Date. <web address>.

Example:

Smith, Susan. "A Traitor." 4 July 2002. 9 July 2003 <<http://www.traitor56.org>>.

Additional Example of Internet Site

Author. "Title." Title of the Internet Site. Date of Site. Name of Organization. Date accessed. <web address>.

Example:

Brown, Jimmy. "Reebok International Ltd." Hoover's Online. 2002. Hoover's, Inc. 19 June 2002 <<http://english.ucsb.edu.591/rchrono>>.

E-Mails

Ahmed, Mohammed. E-mail to the author. 7 May 2000.

In-text Citations for MLA

Important Information

- **The quotation mark comes before the parenthetical citation.**
- **The punctuation at the end of the sentence comes after the parenthetical citation.**
- **If a block quotation is used, place the punctuation before the parenthetical citation.**

One Work by One Author

Gregory Lampe spoke highly of Douglass (125-35). **OR** He spoke highly of Douglass (Lampe 125-35).

Two or More Authors

Others found many changes (Andrews and Curtis 65).

“King was put in jail” (Smith, Cooper, Brown and Brennan 123). **OR** “King was put in jail” (Smith, et al. 123).

No Author

If no author is given, use a shortened form of the title, including the first word listed in the list of references, in place of the author’s name: (“Founding,” par. 16)

Corporation: It is better to use a long corporate name in the text and just the paragraph number in the parenthetical reference: The Public Agenda Foundation has statistics about the involvement (par. 25). Otherwise it would be: (Public Agenda Foundation, par. 25)

Electronic Sources

“They were going to go” (Cook, par. 13).

Important Information About the Works Cited Page

See the example on the next page.

The reference list should be on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the paper.

Use one-inch margins.

Center the words: Works Cited

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Do not bold any information.

The **font and its size** should be the same throughout the list and the same as the text of the paper, usually size 12.

The entire list is **double-spaced** (one line in between).

Do not put extra spaces between the citations.

Indent the second and subsequent lines in each citation.

Alphabetize the citations in one list, either by the name of the author or editor or if there is no author or editor, use the first significant word of the title. In the sample on the next page, the title, “The Apple of Her Eye,” comes before the author, Brown, because the word, “The,” is ignored in alphabetizing. The words, “A” and “An” at the beginning of a title are ignored, too.

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 6th ed. New York: MLA, 2003.

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Works Cited

“The Apple of Her Eye.” 6 Oct. 2003. 11 November 2003 <<http://www.firstlady.gov>>.

Brown, Jimmie, and Virginia Allen. The Next President of the United States: The Leader of the Free World. New York: Little, 2000.

“Who is Leading the Country?” Country Politics 6 Nov. 2001: 34-59.