

## Citations Using MLA, 7th Edition, 2009

**IMPORTANT:** If your instructor has given you a book or different handout for MLA citations, use that information instead of this handout. See the last page of this handout for a Works Cited sample. If you need citations for items not listed in this handout, contact the librarians or check the 7th edition of the *MLA Handbook*. Relevant page numbers from the *MLA Handbook* are listed following each item.

### 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. (pp. 150, 153, 247)
- **Omit articles** (A, An, The), business abbreviations (Co., Inc.) and descriptive words (Books, House, Press, Publishers). (p. 247)
- **Use:** UP for University Press. **Use:** Federation P for Federation Press. **Use:** U of Cambridge P for University of Cambridge Press. For Ohio State University Press, use Ohio State UP. (pp. 150, 247)

**Do not use any states in the location part of the citations.** (p. 151)

**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. (p. 154) For a corporate author, do not use the beginning A, An, or The. (p. 156).

**Do not use Associated Press as an author.** (p. 145)

**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. (pp. 167-168)

**Capitalize** the first word, proper nouns, and all important words of a **book** title, **Internet** article title, a **magazine article** title and a **subtitle**. (pp. 150, 86-88)

**“Software programs that generate entries are not likely to be useful.”** (p. 129)

#### MAGAZINE ARTICLES:

- **If the pages** are not consecutive, use the first page followed by a +. Example: 23+. (p. 143)
- The title of the article is in quotation marks and the title of the magazine is in italics. (p. 143)
- Magazines, as opposed to journals, list no volume or issue number. (p. 143)
- **If there is no author listed**, start with the title followed by the rest of the citation. (p. 145)

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- **Journals are no longer separated by continuous or by issue page numbering.** (p. 138)
- List the volume number followed by the issue number separated by a period: 181.3 (pp. 48, 138, 139, 140)

**In EBSCOhost**, if the article format is PDF, use the citations given in the section for Magazine and Journal Articles. If only the first page number is given, give the page number followed by a plus sign, a space, and a period. For p18, 4p use: 18+ . (pp.192-193)

**In newspaper articles:** If the pages are not consecutive, use the first page followed by a +. Example: A23+. (p. 193)

Italicize **book titles**, **magazine titles**, and **newspaper names**. (pp. 88-89, 151)

**Use a URL for supplemental material or if your instructor requires it** (p. 182)

**If there is no date listed**, use: n.d. (p. 179), **no place or publisher**, use: n.p. (p. 192); **no author listed**, start with the title. (p. 145)

### **Books, Brochures, and Pamphlets**

#### **Single Author** (pp. 149-153)

Lampe, Gregory P. *Frederick Douglass: Freedom's Voice*. New York: Brown, 2007. Print.

#### **Two or Three Authors** (pp. 154-6)

Andrews, Kevin, Susie Tanner, and Michelle Curtis. *A Changing Australia: The Social, Cultural and Economic Trends*. New York: Crown, 2007. Print.

#### **More Than Three Authors:** (p. 155)

Brown, Frank, et al. *On the Edge of the World*. Fort Worth: Harcourt, 2007. Print.

#### **Second or Later Edition** (p. 167-8)

Lerner, Gerda. *The Grimke Sisters from South Carolina*. 2nd ed. New York: Little, 2007. Print.

#### **Edited Book** (p. 153-4)

Smith, John, and Margaret Jolly, eds. *Colonial Experience*. New York: Macmillan, 2007. Print.

#### **Chapter in Anthology or a Compilation** (pp. 157-160)

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

#### **Example:**

Deeb, Robert, and Charles D. Brower. "Law and Justice." *American Decades: 1950-1959*. Ed. Richard Layman. Detroit: Gale, 2007. 225-256. Print.

#### **Encyclopedias** (p. 160-1)

Chaney, Warren Henry. "Ventriloquism." *Collier's Encyclopedia*. 52nd ed. 2007. Print.

"Erdrich, Louise 1954-." *Something About the Author*. Ed. Scot Peacock. Vol. 141. Detroit: Gale, 2003. Print.

#### **Dictionaries** (pp. 160-1)

"Noon." Def. 4b. *The Oxford English Dictionary*. 2nd ed. 2007. Print.

#### **Government Publications** (pp. 174-7)

United States. Census Bureau. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1999*. Washington: GPO, 2007. Print.

#### **Magazine Articles** (p. 142-3)

Drucker, Peter. "Beyond the Information Revolution." *Atlantic Monthly* Oct. 2007: 47-48. Print.

NOTE: If the pages aren't continuous, put the first page and a plus sign. If the magazine is weekly (e.g. *Time*) include the date in the form 23 July 2009.

#### **Journal Articles (Both Continuous Pagination or by Issue)** (pp. 136-141)

Kauffman, James M., and Harold J. Burbach. "Creating Classroom Civility." *Journal of Education* 181.3 (2007): 12-18. Print.

**Library Subscription Service (EBSCOhost, FirstSearch, WilsonWeb, CQ Researcher, etc.)** (pp. 192-3)

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* volume.issue (date): page number(s). *Database*.

Web. Access Date.

**Example:**

Smith, Gary. "Onward to the Top." *Successful Business* 24.7 (2003): 204-10. *Academic Search Elite*. Web. 29 Nov. 2007.

**Newspaper Articles** (pp. 141-142)

Price, Hugh B. "S.A.T. Scores." *New York Times* 26 May 2007, late ed.: A23+. Print.

"Security in Airports." *The Gazette* [Cedar Rapids] 5 Dec. 2002: A1. Print.

**Newspaper Editorials/Letters to the Editor** (p. 146)

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

**Personal Interviews** (pp. 201-202)

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

**Literary Criticism****Magazine Article Cited** (p. 159)

Wilson, Edmund. "The Ambiguity of Henry James." *The Hound and Horn* 7.3 (1934): 385-406. Rpt. in *Short Story Criticism*. Ed. Thomas Votteler. Vol. 8. Detroit: Gale, 1991. 274-6. Print.

**Book Cited** (p.159)

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

**Opposing Viewpoints** (Rpt. is Reprint; n. pag. is no pagination; Greenhaven P is Greenhaven Press) (p. 157-158)

Author of Chapter. "Chapter Title." *Book Title*. Ed. Followed by the editor's name. City: Publisher, Copyright Year of book. Pages of Chapter. Rpt. of [Information is given at the bottom of the first page of the chapter.] Print.

**Example:**

Clancy, Tom, and Russell Seitz. "Nuclear Proliferation is Inevitable." *Nuclear Proliferation: Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. Charles P. Cozic. San Diego: Greenhaven P, 2007. 33-48. Rpt. of "Five Minutes Past Midnight and Welcome to the Age of Proliferation." *The National Interest* Winter 2006/2007: n. pag. Print.

**Internet Sources (pp. 181-193)****Use the URL as supplementary information or if required by your instructor. (p. 182)****No Author and No Date:**

“Title of Page.” Date of the Site. Web. Date of Access.

**Example:**

“Home for the Holidays.” n.d. Web. 28 June 2004.

**With Author and Date: (p. 182)**

Author. “Title of Page.” *Title of site if different*. Publisher or Sponsor. Date of the Site. Web. Date of Access. <url>.

**Example:**

Smith, Susan. “A Traitor.” 4 July 2002. Web. 9 July 2003. <http://www.traitor.org>.

**Painting from website (pp. 189, 200):**

Artist’s name. *The Name of the Painting*. Date of painting. Museum. *Name of database or web exhibit*. Web.

Date of access.

**Example:**

Wood, Grant. *American Gothic*. 1930. Art Institute of Chicago. *Art Access*. Web. 23 July 2009.

**Images from google.com (p. 189):**

Username or photographer. *Name of Image*. Date of access.

NOTE: If no name is given, start with the title.

**Example:**

*It’s a Dog’s Life*. Web. 1 April 2009.

**Online News Source (pp. 184-186):**

“Article Title.” *Website name*. Publisher of the website’s full name. Date of publication. Web. Date of Access.

**Example:**

“Protesters Scuffle in London’s Financial Heart.” *CNN.com*. Cable News Network. 1 April 2009. Web. 3 April 2009.

**Government Site (pp. 174-176, 189)**

Name of Government. Department of Government. *Title of web publication*. Date of Publication. Web. Access date.

**Example:**

United States. Census Bureau. *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. 2009. Web. 1 April 2009.

**Film or Video Recording (p. 197)**

*Title*. Dir. Director’s Name. Perf. Performers Name. Distributor, Year of Release. Film.

**Example:**

*It’s a Wonderful Life*. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell.

RKO, 1946. Film.

## In-text Citations for MLA (pp. 214-232)

### Important Information

- **The quotation mark comes before the parenthetical citation.** (p. 214)
  - **The punctuation at the end of the sentence comes after the parenthetical citation.** (p. 214)
  - **For unpaginated Internet sources, count each paragraph and reference**
- to the correct paragraph with the abbreviation par.** (pp. 220-221)
  - **If a block quotation is used, place the punctuation before the parenthetical citation.** (p. 217)
  - **For multiple works by one author, see pp. 133, 225**

#### One Work by One Author (p. 216)

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

#### Two or Three Authors (p. 215)

Others found many changes (Andrews and Curtis 65). Two went to the museum (Smith, Brown, and Jones 123).

#### More than Three Authors (p. 215)

“King was put in jail” (Smith et al. 123).

#### No Author (pp. 223-4)

**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 (p. 221)

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

### Important Information About the Works Cited Page

**See the full page example on the next page.**

**The reference list** should be on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the paper. (pp. 130-1)

**Use one-inch margins.** (p. 131)

**Center the words:** Works Cited (p. 131)

**Center the words:** Work Cited (if you use only one source) (p. 219)

**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, size 12. (p. 116)

The entire list is **double-spaced** (one line in between). (pp. 116, 131)

**Do not put extra spaces** between the citations. (p. 220)

**Indent** the second and subsequent lines in each citation one-half (1/2) inch. (p. 220)

**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. (pp. 131-3)

Numerals in titles are alphabetized as if they were spelled out. (p. 132)

Works Cited

“The Apple of Her Eye.” 6 Oct. 2003. Web. 11 November 2003.

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

“Home for the Holidays.” n.d. Web. 28 June 2004.

“Protesters Scuffle in London’s Financial Heart.” *CNN.com*. Cable News Network.

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