

The Works Cited Page – MLA Format

This guide is a brief introduction to some of the most common types of citations using MLA style. The rules of citing materials using MLA style are developed by the Modern Language Association (MLA). For specific examples not included in this guide, please consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th edition, 2009. Copies of the MLA Handbook are available in the reference stacks at the Cypress College Library.

Citing Sources within the Text

You must indicate to your readers not only what sources you used in writing your paper, but also where in the work you found the material. You give this information by inserting a parenthetical citation in your paper wherever you incorporate someone else's words, facts, or ideas. Usually, all you need is the author's last name and a page number.

The proliferation of VCRs in people's homes meant that "by the mid-1980s features shot directly on video were the standard" (Thomas 52).

List of Works Cited

- The list of works cited appears at the end of the paper, on a new page, continuing the page numbers of the text.
- Center the title, Works Cited, an inch from the top of the page
- Use double spacing throughout.
- Begin each entry at the left margin.
- If an entry runs more than one line, indent the subsequent lines one-half inch from the margin as hanging.
- For titles of works, capitalize the first word and all principal words.
- Alphabetize entries by the author's last name or, if no author, by the first main word in the title.

Common Print Sources

Book with a Single Author (See Section 5.5.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of the Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Audissino, Emilio. *John Williams's Film Music: Jaws, Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, and the Return of the Classical Hollywood Music Style*. Madison, WI: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2014. Print.

Book with Two Authors (See Section 5.5.4)

Author's Last Name, First Name, and Second Author's First Name Last Name. *Title of the Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Behnken, Brian D., and Gregory D. Smithers. *Racism in American Popular Media: From Aunt Jemima to Frito Bandito*. Santa Barbara, Praeger, 2015. Print.ortland: Sussex, 2008. Print.

Book with Four or More Authors (See Section 5.5.4)

First Author's Last Name, First Name, et al. *Title of the Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Pomeroy, Sarah, et al. *A Brief History of Ancient Greece: Politics, Society, and Culture*. New York: Oxford UP, 2009. Print.

Chapter, Essay, or Other Work that Appears in an Anthology (See Section 5.5.6)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Work." *Title of the Anthology or Book Collection*. Ed. Editor's First Name Last Name. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Page Number – Page Number. Print.

Raible, John. "Transracial Adoption is Both a Blessing and a Curse for Adoptees." *Interracial America*. Ed. Noah Berlatsky. Detroit: Greenhaven, 2012. 63-68. Print.

Note: When you use sources like *Opposing Viewpoints*, you could be seeing a reprint, and have to cite accordingly

Article in a Well-Known General Encyclopedia (See Section 5.5.7)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Encyclopedia*. Edition (if given) and the Year of Publication. Print.

Adler, Thomas P. "Mamet, David." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 2014 ed. Print.

Article in a Specialized Encyclopedia or Dictionary (See Section 5.5.7)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article" *Title of the Encyclopedia*. Ed. Followed by the Name of the Editor. Edition (if given). Volume. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

"Yurok." *UXL Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes*. Ed. Laurie J. Edwards. 3rd ed. Vol. 3. Detroit: Gale Cengage Learning, 2012. Print.

Note: Look for the name of the author at the beginning or end of each encyclopedia article. Sometimes only initials are given. You may have to check the list of contributors for the author's full name. If an author's name is not given, begin your citation with the name of the article.

Article in a Scholarly Journal (See Section 5.4.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Scholarly Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): Page Number–Page Number. Print.

Cox, Nicole. "Kicking Ass...with Lip Gloss: Mediating Gender on TLC's Police Women of Broward County." *Critical Studies in Media Communication*. 29.2 (2012):149-163. Print.

Article in a Magazine (See Section 5.4.6)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Magazine* Day Month Year of Publication: Page Number–Page Number. Print.

Stein, Joel. "Playing the Heavy Gets Dangerous." *Time* 1 Dec. 2014: 111. Print.

Article in a Newspaper (See Section 5.4.5)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Newspaper* Day Month Year of Publication: First Page Number+. Print.

Puzzanghera, Jim. "Housing: Freddie Mac has Upbeat Results; Mortgage Giant Posts a \$3-Billion Profit, which Helps Ease its Burden on Taxpayers." *Los Angeles Times* 8 Aug 2012: B1. Print.

Note: Where a newspaper article continues on to non-consecutive pages, just list the first page number with a "+" after it, e.g., "A10+".

Electronic Sources

Electronic Book Via EBSCOhost (See Section 5.6.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. Title of the Book. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication. Name of the Electronic Book Provider. eBook. Day Month Year of Access.

Pescatore, Fred. *Allergy and Asthma Cure: A Complete 8-Step Nutritional Program*. Hoboken: Wiley, 2003. eBook Collection (EBSCOhost). eBook. 8 Oct. 2015.

Article from a Website (See Section 5.6.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Document." Title of the Website. Publisher of the Website, Day Month Year of Publication. Web. Day Month Year of Access. <URL>.

Jaffe, Alexandra. "Obama, Holder, Congressional Black Caucus Address Ferguson." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 3 Dec. 2014. Web. 8 Oct. 2015. <<http://www.cnn.com/2014/12/01/politics/obama-ferguson-police-meetings/index.html>>

Note: With the 7th edition of the handbook, including URLs of given websites is now optional unless your instructor requires them.

Article from a Scholarly Journal Published Online Only (5.6.3)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Journal Volume.Issue (Year): Page-Page. Web. Day Month Year of Access.

Kastberg, Peter. "Promoting Communication, Participation, and Learning with Regard to Organic Food Products: A Communication Theoretical Approach". *Ecology and Society* 20.1 (2015): n. pag. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

Note: Use "n. pag." when the online scholarly journal does not have page numbers.

Article from a Periodical Publication Accessed Via a Subscription Database (5.6.4)

Database within EBSCOhost (e.g., Academic Search Premier)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." Title of the Journal Volume.Issue (Year): Page-Page. Name of Database. Web. Day Month Year of Access.

Nadel, Alan, and Diane Negra. "Neoliberalism, Magical Thinking, and Silver Linings Playbook." *Narrative* 22.3 (2014): 312-332. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

Note: The above example is for a scholarly journal article from the EBSCOhost database. For magazine and newspaper articles, see the format in examples below.

ProQuest Newspapers

Branson-Potts, Hailey. "'A Little Piece of Heaven': A Bilingual Center for Gay Latinos Opens in Boyle Heights." *Los Angeles Times*. Oct 05 2015. *ProQuest*. Web. 8 Oct. 2015 .

CQ Researcher

Lyons, Christina L. "Reforming Juvenile Justice." *CQ Researcher* 11 Sept. 2015: 745-68. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

CountryWatch

"Syria: Political Conditions." Oct. 2015: n. pag. *CountryWatch*. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

Entry in a Non-periodical Publication Accessed Via an Online Subscription Database (Section 5.6.2)

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Work." *Title of the Publication*. Ed. Editor's First Name Initial Last Name. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Page Number–Page Number. *Name of Database*. Web. Day Month Year of Access.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Calkins, Bethany C., and Timothy Quill. "Physician-Assisted Dying/Hastened Death." *Bioethics*. Ed. Bruce Jennings. 4th ed. Vol. 5. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2014. 2400-2407. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

Gale Literature Resource Center through Gale Artemis

Anderson, Michael. "Langston Hughes's two faces." *New Criterion* 33.8 (2015): 30+. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

Opposing Viewpoints

Fox, Steve. "Medical Marijuana Should Be Considered as a Treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder." *Behavioral Disorders*. Ed. Roman Espejo. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press, 2014. *Opposing Viewpoints*. Rpt. from "Marijuana May Help PTSD. Why Won't the Government Find Out for Sure?" *Washington Post* 14 Oct. 2011. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

Audiovisual Sources

Video from an Online Source like Youtube

Author's last name, First Name. "Title of Video". *Title of the Website*. Publisher of the Website. Web. Day Month Year of Access. <URL>

Cutts, Matt. "How Does Google Search Work?" *Youtube*. Web. 8 Oct. 2015.

Video from a physical format like DVD

***Title of Movie*. Producer or Director's name, preceded by Prod. or Dir., depending. Performer(s) name if prominent.**

Studio or distributor, Release year. Format.

Exit through the Gift Shop. Dir. Banksy. Paranoid Pictures Film Company Limited, 2010. DVD.