

MLA Citation Style

Instructors usually require the use of either the APA or MLA style for citing sources and creating a Works Cited list. If you use MLA style, follow the examples below. As you take notes for a research paper, write down **all** the information needed to reference each source you consult, including direct quotations and sources of ideas and facts. These sources will be cited in the body of your paper and included in the Works Cited or References list.

For variations and examples for situations not given below, please consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 6th ed.*, available at the Library Reference Desk or in the Reference Room, **LB 2369 .G53 2003**, or ask a Reference Librarian.

A citation of an **electronic source** serves the same purpose as the citation of a print source: it identifies the source and gives sufficient information to allow a reader to locate it. A citation may include as many items as are relevant and available. In general, when an element is missing, it may be omitted. For instance, if no author is given, begin your citation with the next element, which is title.

→ Papers in MLA should be **double-spaced (including the reference list)**, although the examples given here are single-spaced to save space.

Journal, magazine and newspaper articles

Scholarly journal (print) with continuous pagination

Author, Name. "Article Title." Title of the Journal Volume (Year): Page number(s).

Stino, Sandra. "Writing as Therapy in a County Jail." Journal of Poetry Therapy 9 (1995): 552-561.

In-text citation ...or any part of a term (Stino 554-55). Or Stino reports similar findings (554-55).

Scholarly journal, two or three authors

Penney, Sherry H., and James D. Livingston. "Hints for Wives –and Husbands." Journal of Women's History 15 (2003): 180-187.

In-text citation ...(Penney and Livingston 182).

If three authors: (Penney, Livingston, and Forbes 155-58).

Scholarly journal, more than three authors

Twist, Liz, Michela Gnaldi, Ian Schagen, and Jo Morrison. "Good Readers but at a Cost? Attitudes to Reading in England." Journal of Research in Reading 27 (2004): 387-400.

Note: Use *et al.* for **more than 3 authors**. Or, you may give all of the authors in the order in which they appear.

In-text citation (Twist et al. 388-89).

Scholarly journal (print) that pages each issue separately

Author, Name. "Article Title." Title of the Journal Volume.number (Year): page(s).

Hallin, Daniel C. "Sound Bite News." Journal of Communication 42.2 (1992): 5-24.

Magazine (print) published monthly

Author, Name. "Article Title." Title of the Magazine Mon. Year: pages.
(Note: do not give the volume and issue numbers)

Murphy, Cullen. "Women and the Bible." Atlantic Monthly Aug. 1993: 39-64.

Magazine (print) published every week or two weeks

Author, Name (*if given*). "Article Title." Title of the Magazine Day Mon. Year: page(s).

Bazell, Robert. "Science and Society: Growth Industry." New Republic 15 Mar. 1993: 13-14.

Scholarly journal (electronic) from an online, subscription database

Harris, Kathleen. "Work and Welfare Among Single Mothers in Poverty." American Journal of Sociology 99.2 (1993): 317-352. JSTOR. College of St. Catherine Library, St. Paul, MN. 19 Sept. 2006 <<http://www.jstor.org>>.

In-text citation According to Harris . . . (338-39). or (Harris 338-39).

Woloshin, Steven, et al. "Language Barriers in Medicine." JAMA, The Journal of the American Medical Association 273 (1995): 724-. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. College of St. Catherine Library, St. Paul, MN. 13 Sept. 2006 <<http://search.ebscohost.com>>.

Note: Use *et al.* for **more than 3 authors**. Or, you may give all of the authors in the order in which they appear.

In-text citation Woloshin et al. made the same conclusions (par. 44-46). or (Woloshin et al. par. 44-46)

Newspapers and non-scholarly journals

Liswood, Laura A. "Gender Politics and the Oval Office: Why Don't Women Run for President?" Baltimore Sun 31 Mar. 1999: 23A. Academic. LEXIS-NEXIS. College of St. Catherine Library, St. Paul, MN. 15 Sept. 2006 <<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe>>.

In-text citation: Liswood writes extensively about . . . (*see note below when page numbers aren't given*)

Note on in-text citations: If a source uses paragraph numbers rather than page numbers, give the relevant number or numbers preceded by the abbreviation par. or pars.

According to Sohmer . . . (par. 44). or . . . (Sohmer, par. 44).

When a source has no page numbers or when referring to the entire work, do not give any numbers. Instead, cite the work in its entirety. It is preferable to place this citation in the text rather than in a parenthetical reference.

Stemple has tried to . . . or Merrian reported on . . .

Database URLs or electronic addresses:

Here are URLs for *some* full-text databases at the CSC Library. You will need to use these in your citations for articles from these databases. Please call the reference desk (651-690-6652) for updates and databases not listed.

CQ Researcher: <http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher>

CSA - Cambridge Scientific Abs (including, ERIC, MLA, PsycINFO): <http://www.csa.com>

EBSCO (including Academic Search Premier, Alt-HealthWatch, ATLA Religion, CINAHL, Business Source, Health Source): <http://search.ebscohost.com>

INFOTRAC (including Expanded Academic ASAP, General Business File ASAP, etc): <http://infotrac.galegroup.com>

JSTOR: <http://www.jstor.org>

LEXIS-NEXIS: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/us/lnacademic>

ProQuest Newspapers and ProQuest Education Journals: <http://www.il.proquest.com/pqdauto>

Project MUSE: <http://muse.jhu.edu/>

ScienceDirect: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/search//search/journals>

WilsonWeb (including Art Full Text and Library Literature): <http://vnweb.hwwilsonweb.com/hww>

Books and reference books

General form Author, Name. Title of the Book. Place of publication: Publisher, year.

One author Dillard, Annie. Pilgrim at Tinker Creek. New York: Harper and Row, 1974.

In text citation According to Dillard . . . (155-59). or . . . (Dillard 155-59).

Lauter, Paul, et al., eds. The Heath Anthology of American Literature. 4th ed. 2 vols. Boston: Houghton, 2002.

In-text citation (Lauter et al., 1: 230-38). (Give the volume: pages)
or The anthology by Lauter and his coeditors contains...(1: 230-38).

Two authors Kerrigan, William, and Gordon Braden. The Idea of the Renaissance. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1989.

In text citation Kerrigan and Braden ... (214-15). or ... (Kerrigan and Braden 214-15).

Three authors Marquart, James W., Sheldon Ekland Olson, and Jonathan R. Sorensen. The Rope, the Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990. Austin: U of Texas P, 1994.

In-text citation (Marquart, Olson, and Sorensen 122-28).

More than three authors Follow examples for journal entries above.

No author given Report of the President's Commission on Campus Unrest. New York: Arno, 1970.

In-text citation (Report 33). Note: provide the first word or two, enough to find in an alphabetic list.

Article in book Rose, Phyllis. "Modernism: The Case of Willa Cather." American Fiction 1914 to 1945. Ed. Harold Bloom. New York: Chelsea House, 1987: 61-76.

Signed article in reference book

Smith, Jane. "Agriculture." Encyclopedia of Bioethics. Ed. Warren T. Reich. 4 vols. New York: Free, 1978.

In-text citation (Smith 1:45-51). (*Author vol. number: pages*)

Unsigned article in reference book

"Noon." The Oxford English Dictionary. 2nd ed. 20 vols. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1992.

In-text citation ("Noon" def. 508-09). (use *def.* for definitions in dictionaries or encyclopedias)

Online book

General form Author, Name. "Title of section (if applicable)." Book Title. Name of ed. or trans. (if applicable). Publication of original print version. Electronic publication info including Title of Internet Site, date of publication, sponsoring institution or organization. Date accessed <URL>.

Fischbein, Ephraim. Intuition in Science and Mathematics: An Educational Approach. New York: Kluwer Academic Pub., 2002. NetLibrary. 30 July 2006 <<http://www.netlibrary.com>>.

Menzel, Peter, and Faith D'Aluiso. "The New Paradigm." Robo Sapiens: Evolution of a New Species. Cambridge: MIT P, 2000. MIT Press. 8 May 2006 <<http://robosapiens.mit.edu>>.

Pamphlets and brochures

Cite these as you would a book.

Examples: Washington, D.C. New York: Builder, 2000. *In-text* (Washington 2)
Renoir Lithographies. New York: Dover, 1994. *In-text* Renoir tells about the artist as...

Citing Indirect sources

MLA prefers that material be taken from original sources. However, there may be times when you need to use an indirect source, for example, a published account of someone's comment on another. Use the abbreviation *qtd. in* (quoted in) before the indirect source you cite in the parenthetical reference.

Example: *In text* Samuel Burke admitted that Edmund Burke was an "extraordinary man" (qtd. in Boswell 2: 450).

On Works Cited list Boswell, James. The Life of Johnson. Ed. George Birkbeck and L. F. Powell. 6 vols. Oxford: Clarendon, 1934-50.

World Wide Web pages and documents

General form Author, Name. "Title of Web Page or Document." Title of Web Page. Date of web site publication or update. Sponsoring Organization. Date accessed <URL>.

Dawe, James. Jane Austen Page. 1996. 15 Sept. 2006 <<http://nyquist.ee.ualberta.ca/~dawe/Austen.html>>.

Harris, Jonathan G. "The Return of the Witch Hunts." Witchhunt Information Page. 16 Apr. 2004. 19 Nov. 2006 <<http://web.mit.edu/harris/www/fells.short.html>>.

Pellegrino, Joseph. Home page. 24 Sept. 2006. 7 Feb. 2007 <<http://www.english.eku.edu/pellegrino/personal.htm>>.

In-text citation Pellegrino gives the reasons why he grades students in this way.

Romance Languages and Literature Home Page. 1 Jan. 2005. Dept. of Romance Lang. and Lit., U of Chicago. 2 Feb. 2007 <<http://humanities.uchicago.edu/romance/>>.

In-text citation Many examples of this style can be found on the Romance Languages and Literature Home Page...

Women's Studies Resources. 7 Jan. 2007. U of Iowa. 19 Feb. 2007 <<http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/wstudies/theory.html>>.

In-text citation According to Women's Studies Resources, most of what is currently known...

"City Profile: San Francisco." CNN.com. 2006. Cable News Network. 9 May 2006 <<http://www.CNN.com/TRAVEL/atevo/city/SanFrancisco/intro.html>>.

"Fresco Painting." Encyclopedia Britannica Online. 2005. Encyclopedia Britannica. 26 March 2007 <<http://search.eb.com/>>.

In-text citation ...are applied directly to the wall surface ("Fresco Painting").

Online articles, found in Library subscription databases See pages 1-2: Journal, Magazine and Newspaper articles

Article in an online journal or magazine (not from a database)

Inada, Kenneth. "A Buddhist Response to the Nature of Human Rights." Journal of Buddhist Ethics 2.1 (1995): 26 June 2006 <<http://jbe.la.psu.edu/>>.

In-text citation ..from all other sources (Inada, par. 13).

Landsburg, Steven E. "Who Shall Inherit the Earth?" Slate 1 (May 1997). 2 Sept. 1998 <<http://slate.com/Economics/97-05-01/Economics.asp>>.

In-text citation ..but it is Landsburg who gives the most convincing argument, stating that..

E-mail or personal correspondence

General form Author, Name. "Title of the Message (if any)." E-mail to the author *or* Personal interview. Date of the message.

Newsome, James. "Quick Thoughts #5." E-mail to the author. 24 Sept. 2006. *In-text*: According to Newsome,...

Pawlenty, Tim. Personal interview. 30 July 2006. *In-text*: According to Pawlenty,...

Note on Citing Electronic Sources Within the Text

Web documents usually don't have page numbers or numbered sections. **When a Web page lacks numbering, omit numbers from your parenthetical references.** If page, section, or paragraph numbering is embedded within the Web page, cite the relevant numbers. PDF files most often will have page numbers. Most HTML files will not have page numbers. Don't cite page numbers from printouts, since these numbers are variable from one computer to another.

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