

MLA (Modern Language Association) Citation Format

Print Material

Books

One Author

Author's last name, author's first name and middle name or initial. *Title of book*. Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Emery, Eric Benjamin. *The Tree is Big*. Peachtree Publishers, 1996.

Two or Three Authors

Author's last name, author's first name and middle name or initial, and author's first name last name. *Title of book*. Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Ryan, Pam Munoz, and Jerry Pallotta. *The Crayon Counting Book*. Charlesbridge Publishing, 1996.

More Than Three Authors

Author's last name, author's first name and middle name or initial, et al. *Title of book*. Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Shelds, James L., et al. *The History of English Alley*. Mergener Press, 1996.

Book by an Editor or Compiler

Editor's last name, editor's first name. *Title of book*. Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Van Doren, Mark, ed. *The World's Best Poems*. World, 1943.

Corporate Author

Corporation. *Title of book*. Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

American Medical Association. *Essential Guide to Asthma*. Pocket Books, 1998. Print.

Books in a Series

Author's/Editor's last name, author's/editor's first name and middle name or initials. *Section Title*. Volumes in series. Publisher, date of publication. Title of book and volume number.

Example:

Morgan, Edith L. *Hinduism*. Funk and Wagnalls, 1968. Religions of the World vol. 3.

Encyclopedia

When You Know the Author (the article is signed)

Author's last name, author's first name. "Article Title." *Title of Encyclopedia*. Edition.

Example:

Feinberg, Joe. "Cats." *The World Book Encyclopedia*. 1990 ed.

When You Don't Know the Author's Name

"Article Title." *Title of Encyclopedia*. Edition.

Example:

"Money." *Compton's Encyclopedia*. 1977 ed.

Magazine and Newspaper Articles

Magazine and Newspaper Articles With Known Author

Author's last name, author's first name. "Article title." *Title of magazine*. Issue date: pages.

Example:

King, Peter. "The Clutch." *Sports Illustrated*. 19 Jan. 2000: 42-45.

Magazine and Newspaper Articles With Unknown Author

"Title of article." *Title of Magazine*. Issue date: pages.

Example:

"Young Man with a Horn." *Time*. 6 July 1953: 38-39.

Opposing Viewpoints Series

Author's last name, author's first name. "Title of article." *Title of opposing viewpoints book*. Ed. Name of editor. Publisher, year of publication. Page numbers used.

Example:

Siegel, Fred. "Cities will Begin to Resemble Suburbs." *Urban America: Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. Laura K. Egendorf.

Greenhaven Press, 2005. 203-209.

Culturegrams

"Country." *Culturegram 2016*. Publisher, year of publication.

Example:

"Republic of Chile." *Culturgram 2016*. Brigham Young University, 2015..

Government Publication

Name of government agency. *Title of document*. Publisher, date.

Example:

United States Dept. of Health and Human Services. *Healthy People*. Government Printing Office, 1996.

*Most U.S. documents are published in Washington at the Government Printing Office.

Work of Art Photographed in a Book

Creator of work. *Title of work*. Year work created. Where work is housed. *Title of book*. Author. Publisher, date of publication. Number of work.

Example:

Cassett, Mary. *Mother and Child*. 1890. Wichita Art Museum, Wichita. *American Painting: 1516 - 1913*. By John Pierce.

McGraw, 1964. Slide 22.

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Electronic Material

Entire Website or Page on a Website

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site*. Version number, Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available), URL, DOI or permalink. Date of access.

Example:

The Purdue OWL Family of Sites. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue University, 2008,

owl.english.purdue.edu/owl. Accessed 23 Apr. 2008.

Lundman, Susan. "How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow*, www.ehow.com/how_10727_make-vegetarian-chili.html. Accessed 6 July 2015.

Online Magazine or Newspaper

Provide the author name, article name in quotation marks, title of the web magazine in italics, publisher name, publication date, URL, and the date of access.

Example:

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 16 Aug. 2002,

alistapart.com/article/writeliving. Accessed 4 May 2009.

Online Encyclopedia

"Title of article." *Name of overall website*. Publisher/sponsor, day month year of publication. Day month year you viewed it.

Example:

"Chile." *Encyclopedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopedia Britannica, 2008. Accessed 12 Sept. 2008.

Online Database (EBSCO)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Name of magazine/newspaper/encyclopedia*. Day month year of publication: pages. *Name of database*. Day month year you viewed the site.

Example:

Begley, Sharon. "Odds on the Greenhouse." *Newsweek*. 1 Dec. 1997: *EBSCO*: 21-24. Web. 5 Jan. 1998.

"Yes on Proposition 10 Initiative." *The Sacramento Bee*. 15 Oct. 1998: Proquest: A22. Web. 21 Oct. 1998.

Blog Entry or Discussion Group

Editor, screen name, author, or compiler name (if available). "Posting Title." Name of Site, Version number (if available), Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), URL. Date of access.

Example:

Salmar1515 [Sal Hernandez]. "Re: Best Strategy: Fenced Pastures vs. Max Number of Rooms?" *BoardGameGeek*, 29 Sept.

2008, boardgamegeek.com/thread/343929/best-strategy-fenced-pastures-vs-max-number-rooms. Accessed 5 Apr. 2009.

Tweet

Begin with the user's Twitter handle in place of the author's name. Next, place the tweet in its entirety in quotations, inserting a period after the tweet within the quotations. Include the date and time of posting, using the reader's time zone; separate the date and time with a comma and end with a period. Include the date accessed if you deem necessary.

@tombrokaw. "SC demonstrated why all the debates are the engines of this campaign." *Twitter*, 22 Jan. 2012, 3:06 a.m.,
twitter.com/tombrokaw/status/160996868971704320.

Online Book/E-book

Author's last name, author's first name. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication. *E-book vendor*.
Web. Date of access (day, month, year).

Example:

Kornblum, William. *At Sea in the City*. Chapel Hill: Algonquin Books, 2002. *NetLibrary*. Web. 23 June 2006.

Online Image

Provide the artist's name, the work of art italicized, the date of creation, the institution and city where the work is housed. Follow this initial entry with the name of the Website in italics, and the date of access.

Example:

Klee, Paul. *Twittering Machine*. 1922. Museum of Modern Art, New York. *The Artchive*,

www.artchive.com/artchive/K/lee/twittering_machine.jpg.html. Accessed May 2006.

Adams, Clifton R. "People relax beside a swimming pool at a country estate near Phoenix, Arizona, 1928." *Found*, National Geographic Creative, 2 Jun. 2016, natgeofound.tumblr.com/.

Online Video

Video and audio sources need to be documented using the same basic guidelines for citing print sources in MLA style. Include as much descriptive information as necessary to help readers understand the type and nature of the source you are citing. If the author's name is the same as the uploader, only cite the author once. If the author is different from the uploader, cite the author's name before the title.

"8 Hot Dog Gadgets put to the Test." *YouTube*, uploaded by Crazy Russian Hacker, 6 Jun. 2016,

www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBlpjSEtELs.

McGonigal, Jane. "Gaming and Productivity." *YouTube*, uploaded by Big Think, 3 July 2012,

www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E.

Netflix, Hulu, etc...

Example:

"94 Meetings." *Parks and Recreation*, season 2, episode 21, NBC, 29 Apr. 2010. Netflix,

www.netflix.com/watch/70152031?trackId=200256157&tctx=0%2C20%2C0974d361-27cd-44de-9c2a-2d9d868b9f64-12120962.

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Other Sources

Sound Recording/Song

Music can be cited multiple ways. This depends on the source that you accessed the music from. Citations begin with the artist name. Put individual song titles in quotation marks. Album names are italicized. Provide the name of the recording manufacturer followed by the publication date.

Spotify

Rae Morris. "Skin." *Cold*, Atlantic Records, 2014, Spotify, open.spotify.com/track/0OPES3Tw5r86O6fudK8gxi.

Online Album

Beyoncé. "Pray You Catch Me." *Lemonade*, Parkwood Entertainment, 2016, www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/.

CD

Nirvana. "Smells Like Teen Spirit." *Nevermind*, Geffen, 1991.

Television and Radio Program

"Title of episode." *Name of program*. Station name. Call letters, Place. Day month year.

Example:

"The Blessing Way." *The X-Files*. Fox. WXIA, Atlanta. 19 Jul. 1998.

Film and Video

Title of film/video. Director's name. Distributor, Year of release.

Example:

The Usual Suspects. Directed by Bryan Singer. Polygram, 1995.

Personal Interview

Last name of person interviewed, first name. Personal/Telephone/E-mail Interview. Day month year.

Example:

Smith, Mary. Personal Interview. 15 May 2014.

Lecture or Speech

Provide the speaker's name. Title of the speech (if any) in quotes. Name of the particular conference. Name of organization, date month year. Name the venue and its city (if the name of the city is not listed in the venue's name). Use the descriptor that appropriately expresses the type of presentation (e.g., Address, Lecture, Keynote Speech, Conference Presentation).

Example:

Stein, Bob. "Reading and Writing in the Digital Era." Discovering Digital Dimensions, Computers and Writing Conference, 23

May 2003, Union Club Hotel, West Lafayette, IN. Keynote Address.