

## MLA Style Citations

### Print and Electronic Sources

The English Department at Monterey Peninsula College has adopted the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, (available in the reference section at REF LB 2369 .G53 2003) as the authority format for Works Cited lists (bibliographies). According to the 6th edition of the MLA Handbook, the format of the Works Cited list should be constructed as follows:

1. The list of works cited appears at the end of the paper.
2. The list begins on a new page which is numbered continuing the page numbers of the text. For example, if your paper ends on page 6, the works cited list will begin on page 7.
3. The page number should be placed in the upper right-hand corner, half an inch from the top and flush with the right margin.
4. Center the title *Works Cited*, one inch from the top of the page.
5. Double space between the title and the first entry.
6. Each entry should begin flush with the left margin. If the entry is more than one line, indent the next line or lines one-half inch (or 5 spaces).
7. Capitalize all significant words, except articles (a, an, the), prepositions (of, to, in, against) and coordinating conjunctions (and, but, for, nor, or so, yet).
8. Alphabetize the list.

### Books

**Author. Title. Edition (if needed). Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication.**

#### One author

Kerouac, Jack. On the Road: The Original Scroll. New York: Viking, 2007.

#### 2 or 3 authors

O'Hare, Sheila, Irene Barry, and Jesse Silva. Legal Executions in California: A Comprehensive Registry, 1851-2005. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2006.

#### 4 or more authors

Burns, James MacGregor, et al. Government by the People. 20<sup>th</sup> ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2004.

## **Editor or Compiler**

Gotlin, Robert S., ed. Sports Injuries Guidebook. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, 2008.

## **Encyclopedia or Dictionary**

**Author (if listed at end of article). "Title of Article/Entry." Title of**

**Encyclopedia/Dictionary. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication.**

Awn, Peter J. "Sufism." Encyclopedia of Religion. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2005.

(For very well-known encyclopedias, you don't have to have full publishing info, include the edition and year.)

"Ojibwa." Encyclopedia Britannica. 15<sup>th</sup> ed. 2007.

## **E-Book from NetLibrary**

**Author. Title. Edition (if needed). Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication.**

**NetLibrary (database name). Library Name where Database Accessed, City, State.**

**Date retrieved <URL of subscription service>.**

Amato, Joseph A. Bypass: A Memoir. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2000.

NetLibrary. Monterey Peninsula Coll. Lib., Monterey, CA. 22 Apr. 2008

<<http://www.netlibrary.com>>.

## **Personally Conducted Interview**

**Person Interviewed. Type of Interview. Date of Interview**

Panetta, Leon. Personal Interview. 12 Mar. 2008.

Krasny, Michael. Telephone Interview. 23 Sept. 2007.

## **Interview from a Radio or Television Program**

**Person Interviewed. Interview. Name of Program. Network. Call Letters of the station, City,**

**State. Date of aired interview.**

Morrison, Toni. Interview. All Things Considered. National Public Radio. KUSP, Santa Cruz, CA.

12 Feb. 2008.

## Periodicals

### Article

**Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Month Year: Page numbers.**

Le Guin, Ursula K.. "Staying Awake." Harper's Magazine Feb. 2008: 33-38.

### Article in a weekly magazine

**Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Day Month Year: Page numbers.**

Meacham, Jon. "I Get a Little Wonky." Newsweek 21 Jan. 2008: 36-37.

### Article in a journal paginated by issue

**Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number.Issue number (Year): Page numbers.**

Huang, Liqiang, and Harold Pashler. "A Boolean Map Theory of Visual Attention." Psychological Review 114.3 (2007): 599-631.

### Article in a journal paginated by volume

**Author. "Title of Article." Journal Title Volume number (Year): Page numbers.**

Gert, Joshua. "Normative Strength and the Balance of Reason." Philosophical Review 116 (2007): 533-562.

### Article in a daily newspaper

**Author. "Title of Article." Title of Newspaper Date: Page number.**

McLaughlin, Kathleen E. "Olympics: A Chance for Beijing to Shine." San Francisco Chronicle 25 Feb. 2008: A1.

## Periodicals from Library Subscription Databases

When citing periodicals from a database use the proper citation needed to document the article such as an article in a weekly magazine, journal paginated by volume, or article in a daily newspaper. Add the additional information for the database, subscription service, library, city, state, article retrieval date and the basic URL for the service/database. See the examples below:

**Author. "Article Title." Journal Title volume.issue (year): pages. Database Name.**

**Subscription Service. Library Name where Database Accessed, City, State. Date retrieved <URL of subscription service (if known)>.**

Hutchison, David. "Altan: Gaelic Music Masters." Journal of Irish and Gaelic Music 12.2 (1999): 22-34. Academic Search Premier. EbscoHost. Monterey Peninsula Coll. Lib., Monterey, CA. 20 Nov. 2007 <<http://search.epnet.com>>.

Parker, Josh. "Surfing the Central Coast of California." Monterey County Herald 30 June 2005: A3. America's Newspapers. Newsbank. Monterey Peninsula Coll. Lib., Monterey, CA. 28 Nov. 2007 <<http://infoweb.newsbank.com>>.

Schultz, Stacey. "Pets and Their Humans." U.S. News and World Report 30 Oct. 2000: 5-8. Lexis-Nexis Academic. Lexis-Nexis. Monterey Peninsula Coll. Lib., Monterey, CA. 2 Dec. 2007 <<http://www.lexis-nexis.com>>.

Speka, John. "Jack Kerouac and New Visions of On The Road." Newsweek 26 Oct. 2007: 47-48. eLibrary. ProQuest. Monterey Peninsula Coll. Lib., Monterey, CA. 28 Oct. 2007 <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Zelnick, Robert. "Confronting Affirmative Action." National Review 9 Aug. 2004: 5. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Infotrac. Monterey Peninsula Coll. Lib., Monterey, CA. 25 Sept. 2007 <<http://find.galegroup.com>>.

## Material From the Internet

When citing sources from the Internet use the exact URL so that anyone looking at your works cited list can get to that exact page for that specific information. Internet sources often do not have all the information that is needed to be properly cited, so put down as much information as you can. If you can not find enough information to make a citation, it may not be considered authoritative.

### Professional Web Pages

**Title of Web Page. Date of Web Page. Organization Responsible for the Web Page. Date of Web Page Access <URL>.**

United States Copyright Office. 27 Nov. 2007. Library of Congress. 3 Dec. 2007  
<<http://www.copyright.gov>>.

Biography.com. 2007. A&E Television Networks. 3 Dec. 2007 <<http://www.biography.com>>.

### Article from a Website

Cite the article with all the information you would normally use from a copy/paper version, then add the date of access and the complete URL. If it is part of an archival database you would include that information underlined.

Greenhouse, Linda. "Supreme Court Debates Copyright Protection." New York Times Online 28 Mar. 2001. 3 Dec. 2007 <<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/03/28/national/28CND-WRITERS.html>>.

Phillips, Kathryn. "Bluefin's Cold Heart Hits Rock Bottom." Journal of Experimental Biology 207 (2004): 710+. 3 Dec. 2007 <<http://jeb.biologists.org/cgi/content/full/207/5/710>>.

### From an Internet Archival Database

Cohen, Kenneth. "A Mutually Comprehensive World?" American Indian Quarterly 26.1 (Winter 2002): 134-138. Project Muse. 3 Dec. 2007 <[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/american\\_indian\\_quarterly/v026/26.1cohen.pdf](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/american_indian_quarterly/v026/26.1cohen.pdf)>.

### E-Mail

**Sender. "Subject of Message." Email to recipient's name. Date of Message.**

Harris, Kelly. "Music 15 Questions-History of Punk." Email to Bill Easton. 12 Feb. 2008.

## MLA STYLE GUIDES ON THE WEB

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- **MLA Citation Style**  
<http://www.liu.edu/cwis/CWP/library/workshop/citmla.htm>
- **Online! A Reference Guide to Using Internet Sources**  
<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html>
- **MLA Formatting and Style Guide-Online Writing Lab at Purdue**  
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>
- **Cornell University MLA Citation Style**  
[http://www.library.cornell.edu/newhelp/res\\_strategy/citing/mla.html#mla](http://www.library.cornell.edu/newhelp/res_strategy/citing/mla.html#mla)
- **Diana Hacker: Documenting Sources in MLA Citation Style**  
[http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04\\_c08\\_s2.html](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_s2.html)
- **What is MLA Style?- The Modern Language Association**  
<http://www.mla.org/style>