

## MLA Style Citations

### Print and Electronic Sources

This handout covers the latest MLA Citation Style that was updated in 2009. It is quite a bit easier to use than the previous version. In the reference section we have the latest ***MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 7<sup>th</sup> edition*** that explains MLA Citation Style in more depth. Its call number is: **REF LB 2369 .G53 2009.**

If you have any questions please feel free to ask for help.

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. Make sure each individual citation is double spaced and that the entire works cited page is uniformly double spaced.
8. Capitalize all significant words, except articles (a, an, the), prepositions (of, to, in, against) and coordinating conjunctions (and, but, for, nor, or so, yet).
9. Alphabetize the list.

### Books

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

**Print (Medium of publication).**

#### One author

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

#### 2 or 3 authors

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

## 4 or more authors

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

## Editor or Compiler

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

## Encyclopedia or Dictionary

**Author (if listed at end of article). "Title of Article/Entry." *Title of Encyclopedia or Dictionary*. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Print (Medium of publication).**

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

(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. Print.

## E-Book from EBSCO

**Author. *Title*. Edition (if needed). Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication  
*Database Name*. Web (Medium of publication). Date of access.**

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

*EBSCO eBook Collection*. Web. 22 Nov. 2011.

## Personally Conducted Interview

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

Panetta, Leon. Personal Interview. 12 Mar. 2011.

Krasny, Michael. Telephone Interview. 23 Sept. 2010.

## Interview from a Radio or Television Program

**Person Interviewed. Interview. *Name of Program*. Network. Call Letters of the station, City,  
Date of aired interview. Radio or Television (Medium of source).**

Morrison, Toni. Interview. *All Things Considered*. National Public Radio. KUSP, Santa Cruz,  
12 Feb. 2011. Radio.

## **Periodicals-Articles from the Original Print Source (not articles from library databases or the Internet-those are covered in the next sections)**

### **Article in a monthly magazine**

**Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Month Year: Page numbers. Print (Medium of publication).**

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

### **Article in a weekly magazine**

**Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Day Month Year: Page numbers. Print (Medium of publication).**

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

### **Article in a journal paginated by issue**

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

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

### **Article in a journal paginated by volume**

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

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

### **Article in a daily newspaper**

**Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Day Month Year: Page number. Print (Medium of publication).**

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

## **Periodicals from Library Subscription Databases (Databases accessed through the library such as Academic Search Premier, Newsbank, Opposing Viewpoints, etc...)**

When citing periodicals from a database use the proper citation format needed for the type of periodical it originally came from (weekly magazine, journal or newspaper). Since the article comes from a library subscription database like Ebscohost or Newsbank you also add the additional information for the title of the database, medium of publication consulted (Web) and the date of access (day month year). See the examples below:

### **Article in a weekly magazine from a library database**

**Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Day Month Year: Page numbers. *Database Name*. Web (Medium of publication). Date of access (day month year).**

Speka, John. "Jack Kerouac and New Visions of On the Road." *Newsweek* 26 Oct. 2009: 47-48. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 28 Oct. 2011.

### **Article in a monthly magazine from a library database**

**Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Month Year: Page numbers. *Database Name*. Web (Medium of Publication). Date of access (day month year).**

Roberts, Paul. "Tapped Out." *National Geographic* June 2008: 86-91. *LexisNexis*. Web. 22 Aug. 2011.

### **Article in a journal from a library database**

**Author. "Article Title." *Journal Title* Volume.Issue (year): Page numbers. *Database Name*. Web (Medium of publication). Date of access (day month year).**

Hutchison, David. "Altan: Gaelic Music Masters." *Journal of Irish and Gaelic Music* 12.2 (2009): 22-34. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 20 Sept. 2011.

### **Article in a daily newspaper from a library database**

**Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Date: Page number. *Database Name*. Web (Medium of publication). Date of access (day month year).**

Parker, Josh. "Surfing the Central Coast of California." *Monterey County Herald* 30 June 2010: A3. *Newsbank*. Web. 28 Nov. 2011.

## Material from the Internet

In the past, when citing Web sources you would put down the URL/Web address in the MLA citation. In the new style it is not required; it is now considered supplemental information. You should only include the URL when the reader probably cannot locate the source without it or when your instructor requires it. If you do include the URL you put it in brackets at the very end of the citation, after the date of access.

### Professional Web Pages

**Title of Web Page. Organization Responsible for the Web Page. Date of Web Page Creation**

**(if no date then put n.d.). Web (Medium of publication). Date of access (day month year).**

*United States Copyright Office.* Library of Congress. 27 Apr. 2011. Web. 3 May. 2010

*Biography.com.* A&E Television Networks. 2011. Web. 3 Aug. 2011.

*Clean Water Classic Surfabout.* Surfrider Foundation. n.d. Web. 30 June 2011.

### Article from a Website

Cite the article with all the information you would normally use from a print version, then add the medium of publication (Web) and date of access (day month year).

Greenhouse, Linda. "Supreme Court Debates Copyright Protection." *New York Times Online* 28 Mar. 2001. Web. 3 Mar. 2011.

Phillips, Kathryn. "Bluefin's Cold Heart Hits Rock Bottom." *Journal of Experimental Biology* 207 (2004): 710+. Web. 3 Apr. 2011.

**\*\*For scholarly journals only: if there are no original page numbers listed for your source then you put 'n.pag.' where the original page numbers would go.**

Cohen, Kenneth. "A Mutually Comprehensive World?" *American Indian Quarterly* 26.1 (Winter 2002): n.pag. Web. 3 Oct. 2011.

### Web Resource with URL at the end.

As mentioned above, URL's are not needed anymore for MLA citations but are instead supplemental. If you need to include the URL you add it to the very end of the citation, after the date of access, in brackets with a period at the end.

*Clean Water Classic Surfabout.* Surfrider Foundation. n.d. Web. 30 June 2011.

<<http://www.surfrider.org>>.

## **E-Mail**

**Sender. "Subject of Message." Message to recipient's name. Date of Message. E-mail (just the word E-mail, not the actual e-mail address.**

Harris, Kelly. "Music 15 Questions-History of Punk." Message to Bill Easton. 12 Feb. 2011.

E-mail.