

MLA CITATION - WORKS CITED

****This guide uses guidelines from the 7th edition of MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (2009).****

BASIC FORMAT

- Label the page Works Cited. Center the title. Do NOT underline, italicize or bold the title.
- Double space all citations. Do NOT skip extra spaces between citations.
- For each citation indent the second and following lines 5 spaces (one Tab).

ABBREVIATIONS

Months should be abbreviated to the **FIRST THREE LETTERS** and include a period

Examples:

Jan.

Feb.

EXCEPTIONS

May, June and July - written out without a period
September is Sept.

PRINT BOOKS

*** For citing E-Books see the entry under Digital File**

ONE Author

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Example:

Chute, Marchette. *An Introduction to Shakespeare*. New York: E.P. Dutton, 1953. Print.

TWO Authors

List the **first** author as Lastname, Firsnme. List the **second** author as Firstname Lastname.

Example:

Lathrop, Ann, and Kathleen Foss. *Student Cheating and Plagiarism in the Internet Era: a Wake-Up Call*.

Englewood, Co.: Libraries Unlimited, 2000. Print.

THREE or More Authors

You may list all authors following the format given above (listing authors in the order in which their names appear on the page) OR list only the first author followed by the phrase et al.

Example:

Wysocki, Anne Frances, et al. *Writing New Media: Theory and Applications for Expanding the Teaching of*

Composition. Logan, UT: Utah State UP, 2004. Print.

Article in a Widely Used Reference Book (Dictionary, Encyclopedia, etc.)

These are reference works commonly used and published (Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Encyclopedia Britannica, etc.) Publisher information is not included. If the book is organized alphabetically do not list the volume or page number of the article.

Lastname, Firstname (of author of article if available). "Title of Article." *Title of Collection*. Edition ed. Year of publication. Print.

"Library." Entry 2. *Webster's II New College Dictionary*. 3rd ed. 2005. Print

Article in a Specialized Reference Book

These are reference works specific to a topic or subject. Publication information IS included.

Lastname, Firstname (of author of article if available). "Title of Article." *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor's

Name(s). Edition ed. Volume Vol. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Pages. (do not include if the book is arranged alphabetically) Print.

Example:

Edelman, Rob. "Route 66." *Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell-Bottoms: Pop Culture of 20th-Century America*. Ed.

Sara Pendergast and Tom Pendergast. Vol. 2. Detroit: UXL, 2002. 361-363. Print.

PRINT PERIODICALS

**Some information will differ depending on whether you are citing a magazine or a scholarly journal.
Please ask your teacher or Miss. Fox if you are unsure.**

Article in a Magazine

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: pages. Print.

Example:

Lawler, Andrew. "Iran's Hidden Jewel." *Smithsonian* Apr. 2009: 36-46. Print.

Article in a Scholarly Journal

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Volume. Issue (Year): pages. Print.

Example:

Witkowsky, Kathy. "Going Green." *The Education Digest* 74. 7 (2009) 19-25. Print.

Article in a Newspaper

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* (omit any introductory articles such as THE) Day Month Year,
edition (if provided).:pages. Print.

Example:

Pitz, Marylynne. "Theroux to share recollections of world travels." *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* 19 Oct. 2009: B-2.
Print.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Abbreviations and Missing Information

- If no **publisher** is given use **N.p.**
- If no **date of publication** is use **n.d.**
- For online journals that are online ONLY (no print available) or for databases that do not provide **pagination** use **n. pag.**
- If no **author** is available begin the entry with the next piece of information (name of site or title of page).

Digital File (E-book, MP3, PDF file, etc.)

Cite as you would for the medium type, but replace the medium of publication with the digital file format.

Example for E-Book:

Chute, Marchette. *An Introduction to Shakespeare*. New York: E.P. Dutton, 1953. Kindle file.

Example for MP3:

Queen, perf. "Another One Bites the Dust." *Greatest Hits*. Hollywood Records, 1992. MP3 file.

Entire Web Site

Lastname, Firstname. *Name of Site*. Date of Posting/Revision. Name of institution/organization affiliated with
the site. Web. Date you accessed site.

Example:

South Park High School Library Media Center. n.d. South Park South Park School District. Web. 30 Mar.
2009.

A Page on a Web Site

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Page." *Name of Site*. Date of Publication. Sponsor. Web. Date of access.

Example:

Stolley, Karl. "MLA Formatting and Style Guide." *The OWL at Purdue*. 26 Mar. 2009. Purdue University Writing Lab. Web. 30 Mar. 2009.

An Article from an Electronic Subscription Service (like OmniFile Mega or SIRS)

The first portion of the citation should follow the same guidelines for a magazine or scholarly journal citation.

The difference is that after the period following the pages you will include:

Name of database. Web. Date of access.

Example:

Kelly, Bridget, et al. "Television Food Advertising to Children: A Global Perspective." *American Journal of Public Health* 100.9 (2010): 1730+. *SIRS Issues Researcher*. Web. 11 Oct. 2010.

Additional information

Tweet

Real Lastname, Real Firstname (Username if known). "Entire tweet, do not change capitalization." Date of message, Time of message. Tweet.

Example

Athar Sohaib (Really Virtual). "Helicopter hovering above Abbottabad at 1AM (is a rare event)." 1 May 2011. 3:58 p.m. Tweet.

When in doubt check a copy of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers: Seventh Edition* available in the library.