

## Modern Language Association (MLA) Works Cited Format

Consider this the “greatest hits” of MLA. If the type of source you used is not included here consult the book.

### PRINT SOURCES

#### **Book:**

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Date. Print.

#### *Example:*

Goleman, Daniel. *Emotional Intelligence*. New York: Bantam, 2005. Print.

(see fourth page for citing multiple authors)

#### **Part of a Book (such as a chapter in *Opposing Viewpoints, At Issue, Current Controversies*):**

*Citing this type of source is complicated. You must include information from the book and the original source. This takes careful attention to detail.*

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Article.” Date. Rpt. in *Title of Collection*. Ed. First and Last Name of Editor. City of Publication: Publisher, Date. Pages. Print. Rpt. of “Original Title.” *Original Source*. (Date): page(s).

#### **Example: Original source of the article is given.**

Christianson, David, A. “Genetic Engineering Will Benefit Society.” Jan. 2000. Rpt. in *Genetic Engineering Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. James D. Torr. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2006. 19-28. Print. Rpt. of “Genetic Engineering and the Elimination of Human Suffering.” *Newsweek*. (9 Mar. 2007): 35-41.

#### **Example: Original source of the article is not given.**

Donlan, Josh C. “Rewilding North America Is a Good Conservation Strategy.” 7 June 2006. Rpt. in *Endangered Species: At Issue*. Ed. Vigi Wagner. Detroit: Greenhaven, 2008. 170-179. Print.

#### **Part of a Book (such as a poem or short story taken from an anthology):**

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Poem.” *Title of Collection*. Ed. First and Last Name of Editor. City of Publication: Publisher, Date. Pages. Print.

#### *Example:*

Joseph, Allison. “Learning to Drive at 32.” *Bum Rush the Page*. Ed. Tony Medina and Louis Reyes Rivera. New York: Three Rivers, 2001. 38. Print.

#### **Popular Encyclopedia, Dictionary, or Reference Book:**

Last Name, First Name (if given). “Title of Article.” *Name of Reference Book*. edition # (if given). Date. Print.

“Mealworm.” *Encyclopedia Britannica*. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. 2003. Print.

“Zonk.” *The Oxford English Dictionary*. 2006. Print.

#### **Specialized Reference Book:**

Last Name, First Name (if given). “Title of Article.” *Name of Reference Book*. Ed. First and Last Name of Editor.

Edition (if given). Volume number (if given). City of Publication: Publisher, Date. Print.

*Example:*

Marks, Phyllis. "Life in the Treetops." *Encyclopedia of World Ecology*. Ed. Warren T. Geier. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Vol.5. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 2004. Print.

**Magazine Article:**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine* DD Mo. YYYY: page(s). Print.

*Example:*

Smith, Debbie. "Integrating Technology into the Curriculum." *Technology Connection* 25 Sep. 2006: 23-27. Print.

**Newspaper Article:**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Newspaper* DD Mo. YYYY: page(s). Print.

*Example:*

Broder, John M. "Major Adamant on Gun Control Issue." *New York Times* 12 Nov. 2004: A1+. Print.

**Scholarly Journal Article:** *Articles are reviewed by experts in the field before inclusion in the journal.*

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Volume #. Issue # (Date): page(s). Print.

*Example:*

Smith, Peter. "Application of Organic Pest Control to Promote Potato Crop Yields." *Journal of Applied Horticulture* 31.3 (2007): 288-312. Print.

**ELECTRONIC SOURCES**

*Here is a rule of thumb to follow when citing information taken from electronic sources.*

Author's name. "Title." Information about print publication. Information about electronic publication. Format. Access information.

**Encyclopedia/ Online Reference: (*Encyclopedia Americana, World History: Modern Era*)**

Last Name, First Name (if given). "Title of Article." *Name of Reference*. Date of publication. Web. Date of access.

*Example:*

"Fernand Leger." *Encyclopedia Americana*. 2009. Web. 23 Sept. 2008.

Martin, Susan. "The Battle of Bull Run." *World History: Modern Era*. 2009. Web. 15 Aug. 2009.

**Published Work Within a Subscription Database: (*Biography Resource Center, Literary Reference Center*)**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Work." *Title of Reference Book*. City of publication: Publisher, Date. *Name of Database*. Web. Date of access.

*Example:*

"The Life of Jane Goodall." *Notable Women Scientists*. Detroit: Gale, 2000. *Biography Resource Center*. Web. 31 Jan. 2003.

**Magazine Article from an Online Database: (EBSCOhost, SIRS)**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine* DD Mo. YYYY: page(s). *Name of Database*. Web.

Date of access.

*Example:*

Walsh, Bryan. "It Will Pay to Save the Planet." *Time* 25 May 2009: 47-48. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 4 June 2009.

**Newspaper Article from an Online Database: (EBSCOhost, SIRS)**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Newspaper* DD Mo. YYYY: page(s). *Name of Database*. Web.

Date of access.

*Example:*

Marklein, Mary Beth. "Facebook Use Linked to Less Textbook Time." *USA Today* 14 Apr. 2009: D6. *Newspaper*

*Source Plus*. Web. 4 Apr. 2009.

**Scholarly Journal Article from an Online Database: (EBSCOhost)**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume #.Issue # (YYYY): page(s). *Name of Database*.

Web. Date of access.

*Example:*

Konishi, Chiaki, and Shelley Hymel. "Bullying and Stress in Early Adolescence." *Journal of Early Adolescence* 29.3

(2009): 333-356. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 4 June 2009.

**Personal or Professional Web Site:**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Site* (or if no title type *Home page*). Sponsor of the site, Date of

publication (if absent then use **n.d.**). Web. Date of access <electronic address>.

*Examples:*

"City Profile: San Francisco." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, n.d. Web. 15 Oct. 2006

<<http://cnn.com/Travel/atevo/city/San Francisco/intro.html>>.

Schultz, Stanley K. "Clara Barton Battlefield Nurse." *American History 102 Civil War to the Present*. Board of

Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, 1999. Web. 31 Jan. 2003 <<http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/>

[lectures/lecture08.html](http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/lectures/lecture08.html)>.

**Digital File: (ASF file, JPEG file, MP3 file, PDF file, WAV file)**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Item (if given)." *Title of Source*. Date. Format(s).

*Example:*

Brown, Sara. "Eating at the Wisconsin State Fair, 1984." *Wisconsin Historical Society*. 2007. Web, JPEG file.

"Gourdon's Garden - Provence – France." *Flickr*. 16 Feb. 2005. Web, JPEG file.

ABBA, perf. "Dancing Queen." *Mama Mia!: Music from the Motion Picture*. Universal, 2008. MP3 file.

“Mitosis.” *Discovery Education*. 2003. Web, ASF file.

**Painting, Sculpture or Photograph:** *Works found in museums and private collections.*

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Work*. Date. Medium of composition (*e.g.* Oil on canvas, Graphic on paper, Bronze).

Name of museum, City where museum is located. Date of access <electronic address>.

*Example:*

Evans, Walker. *Penny Picture Display*. 1936. Gelatin silver print. Museum of Modern Art, New York. 18 May 2009

<<http://moma.org/collection/photography/pages/evans.penny.html>>.

**Film or Video Recording:**

*Title*. Dir. (*means director*) Last Name, First Name. Perf. (*means performers*) First Name Last Name. Original Date.

Name of Studio, Date of new format. Format (*e.g.* DVD, VHS)

*Example:*

*It's a Wonderful Life*. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell.

1946. Republic, 2001. DVD.

**CD-ROM or DVD-ROM:** (*American Decades, Discovering Authors, Discovering U.S. History*)

Last Name, First Name (if given). “Name of Section.” *Title of CD-ROM*. City of publication: Publisher, Date. CD-

ROM.

*Example:*

“Jazz in the 1920s.” *Discovering U.S. History*. CD-ROM. Detroit: Gale, 1997. CD-ROM.

**INTERVIEW SOURCES:**

Last Name, First Name of person interviewed. Kind of interview. (*e.g.* Personal interview, Telephone interview, E-

mail interview) Date.

*Example:*

Rowling, J. K. Telephone interview. 15 Oct. 2003.

### **How to Make a Works Cited List**

- Center the title, Works Cited (do not underline the words Works Cited or put them in quotation marks), an inch from the top of the page. Keep the top and bottom, left and right margins one inch. The Works Cited page is the last page of the paper and must be numbered accordingly.
- Entries must be organized in alphabetical order.
- If no author name is given, alphabetize by the title of the piece, ignoring any initial *A*, *An* or *The*.
- Author names always include last name first. If the work has more than one author, invert only the first name, add a comma, and then continue to list the other names first name follow by last.

2 authors:                 Hernandez, Diane, and Mark O’Neill  
3 authors:                 Pickering, Sam, Ellyn Blackwell, and Gerald Gunderson  
4 or more authors:       Schultz, Lisa, et al.

- The first line of each entry must be flush left. Subsequent lines must be indented one-half inch (about five spaces). This is called a hanging indent. You can use your word processor to create a hanging indentation automatically for a group of paragraphs.
- All references must be double-spaced.
- When including dates, you may abbreviate all months except for May, June, and July.
- If several cities are listed in the book, provide only the first one. It is not necessary to identify the state.
- Shorten the publisher's name. Omit articles (A, An, The), business abbreviations (Co., Corp., Inc.), and descriptive words (Press, Books, Publishers). If it is a university press, abbreviate with UP (Ohio State UP).

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For more information on using the Modern Language Association (MLA) format, see this helpful web site "MLA 2009 Formatting and Style Guide" <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01>.

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