

MLA STYLE GUIDELINES 7th EDITION (2009)

Following are formatting guidelines for citing various types of sources, followed by examples. For situations not covered here, ask a librarian or consult the MLA Style Guide in the Ready Reference area. Please see the Works Cited handout to see how to properly format these citations in your Works Cited.

PART 1: Print Resources (see other side for citing electronic resources)

Books - Print

General format: Author LastName, FirstName. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Print.

Example: Bloom, Harold. *How to Read and Why*. New York: Scribner, 2000. Print.

Two to three authors: AuthorLastName#1, FirstName#1, AuthorFirstName#2 AuthorLastName#2. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Print.

Example: Lathrop, Ann, and Kathleen Foss. *Guiding Students from Cheating and Plagiarism to Honesty and Integrity: Strategies for Change*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2005. Print.

More than three authors: AuthorLastName#1, FirstName#1, et al. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Print.

Example: Folse, Keith S. et al. *Blueprints: Composition Skills for Academic Writing*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003. Print.

Editor: EditorLastName, FirstName, ed. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Print.

Example: Soyer, Daniel, ed. *A Coat of Many Colors: Immigration, Globalization, and Reform in New York City's Garment Industry*. New York: Fordham Univ. Press, 2005. Print.

Chapters/Essays from Books – Print

General format: Author LastName, FirstName. "Title of Chapter or Essay." *Title of Book or Anthology*. Ed. Editor's FirstName LastName. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Page numbers. Print.

Example: Mencken, H.L. "The Man Who Wasn't Fooled." *Views of America*. Ed. Alan F. Westin, et al. New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, 1966. 308-09. Print.

Article from an encyclopedia: ArticleAuthorLastName, FirstName (if given). "Title of Chapter or Essay." *Title of Book or Anthology*. Date of Publication. Print.

Example (no author): "Information Theory." *The Columbia Encyclopedia*. 1993. Print.

Periodical Articles – Print

Journal article: Author LastName, FirstName. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Journal* Volume.Issue if given (Year or Date of Publication): Page Numbers. Print.

Example: Brandtzaeg, Per. "Why We Develop Food Allergies." *American Scientist* 95.1 (Jan.-Feb. 2007): 28-35. Print.

Magazine article: Author LastName, FirstName. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Magazine* Day Month Year of Publication: Page numbers. Print.

Example: Brown, Carolyn M. "More Bang for the Buck: Moving to Georgia Saved the Salmon Family Thousands in Education Costs and Property Taxes." *Black Enterprise* Jan. 2007: 62-63. Print.

Newspaper article: AuthorLastName, FirstName(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper [City of Publication if Not Obvious or Well-Known]* Day Month Year of Publication, edition: page-numbers or initial-page+ if nonconsecutive. Print.

Example: Sterngold, James. "Prisons' Budget to Trump Colleges." *San Francisco Chronicle* 21 May 2007: A1. Print.

PART 2: Electronic Resources (see other side for citing print resources)

Books – Electronic or Online (Web)

General format: AuthorLastName, AuthorFirstName. *Title of Book*. Publication Location: Publisher, Year. *Online Library or Retrieval Service*. Web. Day month year of access.

Examples: Burnett, Frances Hodges. *Little Lord Fauntleroy*. New York: Scribner & Sons, 1866. *Google Book Search*. Web. 29 Sept. 2009.

Perkins, Kathy E., ed. *Black Female Playwrights: An Anthology of Plays before 1950*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana UP, 1990. *NetLibrary*. Web. 5 Jan. 2009.

*For editors, multiple authors, etc. follow the same format as list in the **Book - Print** section (see other side) but include the online library or retrieval service, the medium type (Web), and the date of access.

Articles from an Reference Book – Electronic or Online (Web)

General format: ArticleAuthorLastName, FirstName (if given). "Title of Article." *Title of Reference Book*. Publisher, Date of Publication. Web. Day month year of access.

Example (no author given): "Munich Agreement." *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Academic Edition*. Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 2009. Web. 14 Mar. 2009.

Periodical articles from library subscription databases – Electronic or Online (Web)

Journal article: Author LastName, FirstName. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Journal* Volume.Issue if given (Year or Date of Publication): Page Numbers (if given). *Database Name*. Web. Day month year of access.

Example: Moellendorf, Darrel. "Treaty Norms and Climate Change Mitigation." *Ethics & International Affairs* 23.3 (Fall 2009): 247-66. *Academic OneFile*. Web. 26 Oct. 2009.

Magazine article: Author LastName, FirstName. "Title of the Article." *Title of the Magazine* Day Month Year of Publication: Page numbers (if given). Web. Day month year of access.

Example: Updike, John. "Nan, American Man." *The New Yorker* 3 Dec. 2007: 100. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 26 Oct. 2009.

Newspaper article:

AuthorLastName, FirstName(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* [City of Publication if Not Obvious or Well-Known] Day Month Year of Publication, edition: page-numbers or initial-page+ if nonconsecutive (if given). Web. Day month year of access.

Example:

Online Resources not from library subscription databases (Web)

Website format: Author LastName, FirstName. "Article/Web Page." *Title of Overall Website*. Sponsoring Institution or Publisher (if present), Day month year of publication. Web. Day month year of access.

Website example (no author): "Citing Sources." *College of San Mateo Library*. College of San Mateo Library, 2009. Web. 25 April 2009.

Article from an online newspaper: Okie, Susan. "Fighting H.I.V., a Community at a Time." *New York Times*. New York Times Company, 26 Oct. 2009. Web. 1 Nov. 2009.

Online video or film: "Nightline: The Wrongful Execution of Cameron Todd Willingham." *YouTube*. YouTube, 18 Sept. 2009. Web. 12 Dec. 2009.

Note: The new MLA Handbook 7th edition does not require that you include a URL or web address in your citation. However, if you or your instructor would like the inclusion of a URL in your electronic citation simply add the URL to the end of your citation after the access date in the following format: <http://yourcitationurlhere.com>. Example:

Moellendorf, Darrel. "Treaty Norms and Climate Change Mitigation." *Ethics & International Affairs* 23.3 (Fall 2009): 247-66. *Academic OneFile*. Web. 26 Oct. 2009. <http://find.galegroup.com/gtx/>.