



MLA (7th ed.) Formats, Selected Sources

The Modern Language Association (MLA) recommends documenting your sources within your paper in parentheses. This system eliminates footnotes and simplifies typing. Full bibliographic information is then given on a separate page entitled "Works Cited" at the end of the paper.

Example of source note in text of paper:

Another sociologist concurs, saying, "A central notion in the treatment model is the building of social responsibilities" (Giarretto 5). Youngsters who are future parents are exposed to different adult attitudes.

Example of source in Works Cited:

Giarretto, Henry. *The Treatment of Father-Daughter Incest*. New York: Harper, 1960. Print.

The bibliographic details needed for the Works Cited information for a book may be found on the title page and/or reverse of the title page. Use the latest copyright date listed. The record for a book in an online catalog will also include all the details needed in a citation.

Pages 4 through 6 of this handout show MLA formats for selected sources. As you follow the formats for the sources mentioned here, remember that more examples may be found by referring to the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed., in the specific **sections** listed with each format. There is also a sample "Works Cited" included here on pages 2 and 3.

When information for any segment cannot be located for the source you used, **skip it** and go to the next segment. All sources will not provide you with the desired details. Your responsibility is to **give your readers enough information so that they can find the same sources** and see the context around what you have quoted. If citing a resource you found on the Internet, be sure to include the date you accessed it, as well as the URL (uniform resource locator) **if** your instructor requires you to, or if you think your reader may not be able to get to the document without it. Information posted on the Web tends to change, move or disappear entirely—so be especially critical in your evaluation of internet sources used for your research.

Check with your instructor to see if **MLA** is the style that you should be using for documenting your research papers. There are other styles used in various fields such as the American Psychological Association (APA) format, Chicago Manual of Style, or "Turabian."

Copies of the seventh edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* may be purchased in the bookstore. To find one in the library, use the call number LB 2369 G53. Copies are located in Reference, rev. 7/09, at the Reference Desk and in Reserves.

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Example in
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PRINT SOURCES

ENCYCLOPEDIAS and REFERENCE BOOKS FORMAT:

Author of Article.(if given) "Article Title." *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print (format).

Reference Book (familiar)

Faron 5.5.7

When citing *familiar* reference books, especially those that often appear in new editions, it is not necessary to include full publication information. Give the edition (if available) and the year of publication. If articles are arranged alphabetically, do NOT give the volume and page numbers.

Reference Book, article with author

Trice 5.5.7

Reference Book, article without author

"Refrigeration" 5.5.7

When citing less familiar reference books, give full publication information.

BOOK FORMAT:

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

Book by One Author

Giarretto 5.5.2

Take the title from the *title page*, not from the spine or cover. The author's name should be reversed: Last Name, First Name.

Book by Two or More Authors

Landre 5.5.4

List the names in the order in which they appear on the title page. Only the *first* author's name should be reversed: Last Name, First Name. Use a comma between the authors' names. Place a period after the last author's name.

Book with Editor(s); Anthology or Compilation

Cott 5.5.3

If the persons named on the title page are editors, add a comma after the final name, then the abbreviation "eds". **(see also 5.5.6)**

Book written by a Corporate Author

American 5.5.5

Cite a book by corporate author when a group (such as an organization or association), rather than individual persons, is the author.

Government Document

California 5.5.20

Give the name of the government first, then the name of the agency, if given. Abbreviations (such as Dept. for Department) may be used.

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Two or More Works by the Same Authors

Mead 5.3.4

When citing two or more sources by the same author, give the name in the first entry only. For the subsequent entries, type three hyphens, add a period, and skip a space (---.) then give the title.

POEM or SHORT STORY in an ANTHOLOGY FORMAT:

Author of Story. "Title of Story." *Title of Book*. Name of Editor. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page numbers of the story. Print.

Short story in an anthology

Pukui 5.5.6

PERIODICAL SOURCES

MAGAZINE FORMAT:

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Date: Page(s). Print.

Use three-letter abbreviations for the months (except May, June, July). Dates for magazines issued every week or every two weeks should be written in this order: Day Month Year, e.g., 19 Jan. 1998. Do *not* give volume and issue numbers.

If the article is on consecutive pages, specify the page numbers of the entire article, e.g., 16-20. Give just the last two digits of the second number, when possible: 188-89, but 196-200.

If the article is **not** on consecutive pages—if, for example, it begins on page 27, then skips to page 30, and continues on page 32—write only the first page number, followed by a plus sign: 27+.

Magazine Articles

Risen 5.4.6

If no author's name is given, begin with the title of the article.

"Computers" 5.4.9

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FORMAT:

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Date, edition: Page(s). Print.

Newspaper Article

Wagner 5.4.5

Take the name of the newspaper from the masthead, but omit any introductory article: *Honolulu Advertiser*, not *The Honolulu Advertiser*.

If the city of publication is not part of the newspaper's name, add it in square brackets: *News and Observer* [Raleigh].

Specify the edition of the newspaper, if one is given on the masthead.

JOURNAL ARTICLE FORMAT:

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

Journal article

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PERIODICAL SOURCES (continued)	<u>Example in This Handout</u>	<u>Section in MLA...7th</u>
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Scholarly journals tend to rely on their volume numbers rather than a date to identify individual issues published less frequently (quarterly) than popular magazines (weekly or monthly) or newspapers (several times a week).

DATABASE FORMAT:

Author's Name. "Article Title." *Periodical Title* Date: Page(s). *Title of Database*. Web. Date of access.

<u>Database</u>	Browne	5.6.4
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INTERNET SOURCES

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

Author's Name. (if given) "Title of Page." *Name of Database or Project*. Date of posting or update. Name of Organization. Date of access <Electronic address or URL of the site's search page>.

<u>Web-Site</u>	Sinclair	5.6.2
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E-MAIL FORMAT:

Sender's Name. "Title." (if any) Message to the author. Date. Email.

<u>Email</u>	Chang	5.7.13
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ONLINE POSTING FORMAT:

Sender's Name. "Title/Subject" Date of posting. Online posting. Name of forum. Date of access. <Network address>

<u>Discussion List</u>	Raish	5.7.13
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MULTIMEDIA SOURCES

TELEVISION PROGRAMS FORMAT:

"Title of Episode or Segment." Credit. *Title of Program*. Name of Network. Call letters (if any), City of Local Station (if any), Broadcast Date. Format.

<u>Television Program</u>	Hurricane	5.7.1
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VIDEOTAPES FORMAT:

Title. Director, Producer, or Writer. Distributor, Year. Videocassette

<u>Film or Video Recording</u>	Monet	5.7.3
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INTERVIEWS FORMAT:

Person Interviewed. Type of interview (personal or telephone). Date.

<u>Interview</u>	Gustafson	5.7.7
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