MLA Quick Citation Guide

Below are some examples of common citation formats in MLA (Modern Language Association) Style. For complete citation information, see the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (for undergraduates) or the MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing (for scholars).


For additional examples of citations in MLA style see the OWL at Purdue MLA Formatting and Style Guide.

Note: Citations with more than one line of text should be double-spaced and have a hanging indent of 1/2 inch or 5 spaces.

Print Publications

Books

Important Elements:

- Author (last name, first name)
- Title (in italics)
- Edition (if other than 1st)
- Place of publication
- Publisher
- Publication date
- Medium of publication (Print)

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**Articles from Print Periodicals** (magazines, journals, and newspapers)

**Important Elements:**

- Author (last name, first name)
- Title of article (in quotation marks)
- Title of publication in italics (i.e., *Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Newsweek, New York Times* )
- Volume and issue number (for journals only)
- Date of publication of article (month and year for monthly publications, exact date for weekly and daily)
- Page numbers of article
- Medium of publication (Print)


**Electronic Resources**

*Articles from the Library’s Online Databases* (articles from print publications accessible electronically through the library’s subscription databases)

Important Elements

- publication information (see Periodicals, above)
- name of database in italics (if known)
- Medium of publication (Web)
- date you accessed the article

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Articles in Online Journals, Magazines and Newspapers (articles from online publications accessible free on the Web, not from the library’s databases)

Important Elements

- Author (last name, first name)
- Title of article (in quotation marks)
- Title of publication (in italics)
- Volume and issue number (for scholarly journals, if given)
- Date of publication of article
- Page numbers (if no page numbers are given, use n. pag. for no pagination)
- Medium of publication (Web)
- Date you accessed the article

Note: MLA style recommends including the URLs for websites only if the source cannot be readily located without the URL. If you wish to include the URL, put it in angle brackets after the date of access. Break URLs only after slashes. Example: <http://www.mla.org/style>

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Web Sites

Important Elements

- Author (if known)
- Title of Web site (in italics)
- Publisher or sponsor
- Date of publication (if no date given use n.d. for no date)
- Medium of Publication (Web)
- Date you accessed the information
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**Entry in an Online Reference Work**

Important Elements:

- Author
- Title of entry (in quotation marks)
- Title of reference work (in italics)
- Publication date
- Name of database (in italics)
- Medium
- Date of access

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**Multimedia Resources**

**Film/Video/DVD**

Important Elements

- Title (in italics)
- Director
- Lead actors
- Distributor
- Date of release
- Medium (i.e., DVD)

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**DVD**  

### Television/Radio Program

- Important Elements
- Title of television episode or radio segment
- Title of program (in italics)
- Names of writer, director, performers and/or host (if known)
- Network
- Local station and location
- Date of broadcast
- Medium (i.e., Radio)

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### Other Formats

#### Government Publications

Important Elements

- Government (i.e., United States)
- Government Agency
- Title of document (in italics)
- Place of publication (for print documents)
- Publisher (government agency)
- Date of publication
- Medium of publication (i.e., Print)
- Date of access (for online documents)

**Personal Interview**

**Important Elements**

- Name of person interviewed
- Type of interview (personal, email, telephone)
- Date of interview

| Interview | Smith, John. Personal interview. 31 Aug. 2007. |