

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 (font, indenting, spacing, margins, etc.) on your Works Cited page.**

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, and 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, 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 UP, 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, 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): "Munich agreement." *The Encyclopaedia Britannica*. 15th ed. 2007. 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, 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." *The Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Academic Edition*. Encyclopaedia Britannica, 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: Hulse, Carl. "Congress Passes Bill to Keep Government Running." *New York Times* 1 Oct. 2009. *General OneFile*. Web. 2 Dec. 2009.

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): "MLA 2009 Formatting and Style Guide." *The OWL at Purdue*. Purdue University, 2009. Web. 25 Sept. 2009.

Article from an online newspaper: Okie, Susan. "Fighting H.I.V., a Community at a Time." *New York Times*. New York Times, 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/ >.