



Citing Information in the MLA Style

Academic disciplines employ different ways of citing sources used in scholarly research. One of the most widely used style manuals in higher education is from the Modern Language Association (MLA). It is used in the literary, humanities and arts fields. The citation page is most often entitled **Works Cited** and entries must be alphabetized.

Below are examples of how to cite the most used types of resources. **Keep in mind your entries need to be double-spaced and have a hanging indent.**

Other examples may be found by consulting:

- **MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers** LB 2369.G53 2009
- **Owl@Purdue Online Writing Lab** <https://owl.english.purdue.edu>
- **Modern Language Association** <http://www.mla.org/>

Citing Books . . .

Print Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Format.

Example:

Kaku, Michio. *Hyperspace: A Scientific Odyssey Through Parallel Universes, Time Warps, and the Tenth Dimension*. New York: Oxford UP, 2005. Print.

Electronic Format (eBook):

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Publication Date. Database Name. Format. Date Accessed.

Example:

Streibel, Barbara J. *The Manager's Guide to Effective Meetings*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2003. Ebsco eBooks Academic Collection Web. 12 May 2007.

Citing CQ Researcher. . .

Print Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Magazine Title* Date Published: Page(s). Format.

Example:

Haggerty, Maryann. "Business Ethics." *CQ Researcher* 6 May 2011:409-432. Print.

Electronic Format

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Magazine Title* Date Published:

Page(s). Database Name. Format. Date Accessed.

Example:

Katel, Peter. "Oil Jitters." *CQ Researcher* 4 Jan. 2008: N. pag. *CQ Researcher Online*.

Web. 14 Feb. 2011

Citing Encyclopedias. . .

Print Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. (if there is one). "Title of Entry." *Encyclopedia Title*. Editor's

Name. Edition (blank if 1st edition). Volume. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of

Publication. Format.

Example:

Landit, Patricia. "Global Economy and Immigration." *Encyclopedia of Immigration*. Ed

James Kiment. 2nd ed. Vol. 3. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2009. Print.

Electronic Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name, "Title of Entry." *Encyclopedia Title*. Editor's Name. Edition

(blank if 1st edition). Volume. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. N. pag.

Database Name. Format. Date Accessed.

Example:

Brondal, Jorn. "Immigration and Immigration Law." *Encyclopedia of American Studies*. Johns

Hopkins UP, 2010. N. pag. *Credo Reference*. Web. 11 May 2011.

Citing Interviews You Conducted. . .

Personal Interview Format:

Last name of the person interviewed, First name. Type of interview. Date of interview.

Example:

Clinton, Bill. Personal interview. 13 May 2011.

Citing Journals. . .

Print Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Journal Title* Volume. Issue number (year): Pages of article. Format.

Example:

Flook, Lisa. "Classroom Social Experiences as Predictors of Academic Performance."

Developmental Psychology 41.2 (2005): 319-327. Print.

Electronic Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Journal Title* Volume. Issue number (year): Pages of Article. *Database Name*. Format. Date accessed.

Example:

Rolando, Antonio, et al. "The Impact of High-Altitude Ski-Runs on Alpine Grassland Bird

Communities." *Journal of Applied Ecology* 44.1 (2007): 210-219. *Academic Search*

Premier. Web. 19 Feb. 2010.

Citing Magazines. . .

Print Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article title." *Magazine title* Date of Magazine: Pages of Article. Format.

Example:

Viviano, Frank. "The New Mafia Order." *Mother Jones Magazine* May-June 2005: 44-50+. Print.

Electronic Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article title." *Magazine title* Date: pages of article. *Database Name*. Format. Date accessed.

Example:

Autuori, Jenna. "Super Low-Cal Diets Help You Live Longer." *Shape* June 2009: 100. *MasterFile*

Premier. Web. 14 July 2009.

Citing Movies. . .

Format:

Title. Director. Distributor. Performers. Year of release. Format.

Example:

National Treasure. Dir. Jon Turteltaub. Perf. Nicholas Cage, Diane Kruger, and Justin Bartha. Walt Disney Home Video, 2004. Film.

Citing Newspapers...

Print Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article title." *Newspaper Title* Date: Section and page. Format.

Example:

Broder, John. "E.P.A. Tightens Rule on Sulfur Dioxide." *New York Times* Jun 04 2010: A18. Print.

Electronic Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article title." *Newspaper Title*. Date: Section and page.

Database Name. Format. Date accessed.

Example:

Naomi, Schaefer R. "What's a College Education Really Worth? Not Enough." *The Washington Post*. 5 June 2011: B3. ProQuest. Web. 10 Oct. 2013.

Citing Opposing Viewpoints...

Print Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Title of Book*. Editor's Name. Place of

Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page(s). Print.

Example:

Cherot, Natalie. "There Should be More Regulations in International Adoption." *Opposing*

Viewpoints: International Adoptions. Ed. Margaret Haerens. Detroit, MI: Greenhaven Press,

2011. 155-161. Print.

Electronic Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Title of Book*. Editor's Name. Place of

Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page(s). *Database Name*. Format. Date

Accessed.

Example:

Piatak, Tom. "Outsourcing Threatens American Workers." *Opposing Viewpoints: Globalization*.

Ed. Louise I. Gerdes. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2006. N. pag. *Opposing*

Viewpoints Resource Center. Web. 19 Feb. 2008.

Citing Streaming Video: Complete Video from a Database...

Format:

Name of Video. Producer. Year Produced. *Database Name*. Format. Date Accessed.

Example:

Heaven: How Five Religions See It. Films Media Group. 2011. *Films on Demand*. Web. 25 Sept.

2012

Citing Streaming Video: Video Segment from a Database...

Format:

"Segment Name." *Name of Video*. Producer. Year Produced. *Database Name*. Format. Date

Accessed.

Example:

"Confessions of a Former Madam." *Human Trafficking: Crime Inc.: The Underground Economy*.

CNBC. 2011. *Films on Demand*. Web. 25 Sept. 2012.

Citing Web Sites...

Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. (if any). "Title of Work." *Title of the Web site*. Sponsor of the

Web site. Date of Publication. Format. Date Accessed.

Example:

Jones, Larry. "Why Are People Homeless?" *National Coalition for the Homeless*. National

Coalition for the Homeless. June 2007. Web. 19 Feb. 2008.

Parenthetical Documentation . . .

MLA in text citation:

"Today's Mafia has a changed ethnic composition, down 40% from 30 years ago"(Smith 136).