

MLA STYLE CITATION GUIDE

When doing research, you must use a standard citation format to identify the information you have used and give credit to its creator. Consistency is crucial.

Each work is usually identified by three key elements: author's name - title or source - publication information. Underline or italicize the title. A period and two spaces follow each element. Additional elements such as number of volumes or edition numbers might be required.

The first line of each citation starts at the left margin; indent 5 spaces before the second and any succeeding lines. List each source separately and arrange alphabetically by the author's last name (use the title if there is no author).

Below you will find the correct citation form for a variety of materials:

- Books
- Reference sources
- Periodical articles
- Full-Text Articles from Electronic Databases
- Pamphlets
- Government publications
- Audiovisual materials
- World Wide Web Resources

NOTE: Use the MLA Handbook and/or the MLA Web Page for additional information and examples.

Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 5th ed. New York: Modern Language Association, 1999.

"Documenting Sources from the World Wide Web." MLA Style. 1998. Modern Language Association. 30 Sep. 1999 <http://www.mla.org/set_stl.htm>.

BOOKS

- By a single author: Moran, Theodore H. Beyond Sweatshops: Foreign Direct Investment and Globalization in Developing Countries. Washington, D.C.: Brookings, 2002.
- Two authors: Gibaldi, Joseph, and Walter S. Achtert. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 3rd ed. New York: Modern Language Association, 1988.
- Three authors: Venolia, Jean P., Georgio Cordini, and Joseph Hitchcock. What Makes a Literary Masterpiece. Chicago: Hudson, 1995.
- More than three authors: Bailyn, Bernard, et al. The Great Republic. Lexington, MA: D. C. Heath, 1977.
- Unknown author: The Bible: A New Translation. Trans. James Moffatt. New York: Harper and Row, 1954.
- Multi-volume Work: Dorival, Bernard. Twentieth Century Painters. 2 vols. New York: Universe Books, 1958.
- Collection produced by an editor: Guernsey, Otis L., Jr., and Jeffrey Sweet, eds. The Burns Mantle Theater Yearbook of 1989-90. New York: Applause, 1990.

Annotated Book Citation

- Citation Lee, Eric and William Burke. Chinese-Americans: Psychological Development and the Family. 3rd ed. Los Angeles: Worthingham, 1995.
- Annotation This book discusses the development of personality in the traditional Chinese family and the influence of American values on Chinese-American family relationships. It describes the conflicts often experienced within Chinese-American families. Several case studies are presented. The authors are assistant professors of psychology at the University of Cleveland.

REFERENCE SOURCES

A simplified citation is commonly used for general encyclopedias. Include publication information for subject encyclopedias. Include volume or page number(s) only if the articles are *not* in alphabetical order.

- Article in a general encyclopedia: Trainen, Martha. "New York State." Encyclopedia Americana. 1992.
- Article in a subject encyclopedia: Hammond, William H. "Media and the War." Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War. New York: Macmillan Library Reference, 1996.
- Article from a multi-volume work not in alphabetical order: Tusse, Johannes. "Education in Ethiopia." Encyclopedia of East Africa. Vol. 2. Nairobi: Kenya Press, 1992. 565-72. 3 vols.
- An entire reference work: Niiya, Brian, ed. Japanese American History: An A to Z Reference from 1868 to the Present. New York: Facts on File, 1993.

PERIODICAL ARTICLES

Each periodical entry must include author's name (when shown), title of article, periodical name and page numbers. Journal citations should also include the volume and issue number, and the publication year. For magazine and newspaper citations, omit the volume and issue number and include the complete date. For articles from electronic sources, see **Full-Text Articles** below.

- Journal articles: Wernerfelt, Birgner. "Advertising Content When Brand Choice Is a Signal." Journal of Business 63.1 (1990): 91-98.
- Articles in weekly publications: Ryback, Timothy W. "Letter from Salzburg." New Yorker 30 Dec. 1991: 62-75.
- Articles in monthly publications: Alford, Jeffrey. "Ap Nam? Kin Khao? Feeling at Home in Thai Kitchens." Eating Well Jan. - Feb. 1992: 44-55.
- Newspaper Articles: Miller, David. "Tightening the Belt." Seattle Times 5 Jan. 1992: A1.
- Anonymous Articles: "Saddam's Republican Guards." Time 4 Feb. 1991: 24.
- Editorials: Schmemann, Serge. "The World According to Gorbachev Disappears." Editorial. New York Times 8 Dec. 1991: E3.

FULL-TEXT ARTICLES FROM ELECTRONIC DATABASES

A citation for an article from a **Full-text Periodical database** starts off much like any periodical citation, except for some changes with the punctuation and underlining. Add the format of the database (i.e., CD-ROM) and the publisher and publication date of the database. For articles that do not have URLs, cite the main page for the database and include the library through which you gained access.

For **other Full-text databases**, include the author (if applicable), name of the piece, name of the database, format of the database, and the publisher and publication date of the database.

- Periodical Database accessed on the WWW: Keegan, John, and Tom Wolfe. "Who Should be Person of the Century?" Time 30 August 1999: 15+. ProQuest Direct. ProQuest Information and Learning Company. Seattle Central Community College Lib., 20 Nov. 2001 <<http://proquest.umi.com/pdqweb>>.

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FULL-TEXT ARTICLES FROM ELECTRONIC DATABASES, continued

- Periodical Database accessed on the WWW: Montana, Cate. "Media vs. Makah Forged Unity, Spiritual Awareness." Indian Country Today 1 Apr. 1999: D1. Ethnic NewsWatch. ProQuest Learning and Information Company. Seattle Central Community College Lib., 16 Aug. 2001 <<http://enw.softlineweb.com>>.
- Non-Periodical Database: □ "Walker, Alice (Malsenior) 1944-." Contemporary Authors. Gale Research Inc. Seattle Central Community College Lib. 16 Oct. 2001 <<http://galenet.gale.com>>.
- CD-ROM Database: Murakami, Kery. "Espresso Goes East." Seattle Times 11 July 1993: D1. Seattle Times on CD-ROM. CD-ROM. Newsbank, Inc. Dec. 1998.

URLS for MLA Citations of Full-Text Articles from SCC Libraries Electronic Databases*

ProQuest Direct	http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb
SIRS Knowledge Source	http://sks.sirs.com
Ethnic NewsWatch	http://enw.softlineweb.com
Health Source Plus	http://search.epnet.com
Contemporary Authors	http://galenet.gale.com
Britannica Online	http://www.search.eb.com

*See http://dept.sccd.ctc.edu/cclib/Research_Tools/Citation_Style_Guides/urls.html for a complete list

WORLD WIDE WEB RESOURCES*

Citations for a World Wide Web site should include author (if known), title of the piece (if applicable), underlined title of the complete work, date of electronic publication or the latest update, organization sponsoring the site (if applicable), date you accessed the document, and the complete URL.

*See **FULL-TEXT ARTICLES** on page 3 for citing articles from WWW Periodical Databases, such as ProQuest or SIRS.

- World Wide Web Site: Romance Languages and Literature. 1 Jan. 1997. Dept. of Romance Langs and Lits., U of Chicago. 12 June 2001 <<http://humanities.uchicago.edu/romance/>>.
- Online Posting to an email discussion list: Straughn, Victoria. "Women's History in the High School." Online posting. 30 Sep. 1998. Forum on Women's History. 1 Oct. 2000. <<http://ashp.listserv.cuny.edu/scriptsashp/womenshistoryforum.html>>.
- Personal Web Page: Tice-Deering, Beverly. English as a Second Language. 15 Sept. 2001 <<http://www.sccd.ctc.edu/~ticedeer/>>.
- Electronic Journals: Flannagan, Roy. "Reflections on Milton and Ariosto." Early Modern Literary Studies 2.3 (1996): 16 pars. 22 Feb. 2001 <<http://unixg.ubc.ca:7001/0/e-sources/emls/02-3/flanmilt.html>>.

PAMPHLETS

Treat a pamphlet as you would a book: Outsmarting Crime: A Guide to Safer Living. n.p.: Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, 1990.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

If no individual author is shown, give the governmental body (e.g., Washington State, City of Seattle), followed by the agency name, and the usual publication information (title, place, publisher and date). For most federal publications, the publisher will be the Government Printing Office, which can be abbreviated 'GPO.'

Issued by a state agency: Washington State. Washington State University, Pullman Cooperative Extension. Raising Rabbits, Helpful Suggestions for Beginners. Extension Bulletin 0975. Pullman: WSU, 1991.

Federal Publication: United States. Commerce Dept. An Act to Provide the Small Business Administration Continuing Authority to Administer a Program for Small Innovative Firms, and for Other Purposes. Washington: GPO, 1986.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

In general, citations for AV materials must include author (if available), title, producing company and date. Other elements vary depending on the type of material, so refer to the MLA Handbook. For music, if you are using a format *other than* compact disc (CD), indicate as shown in the examples below.

Videos: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dir. Denise Guyen. Videocassette. SVE Inc., 1988.

Television or Radio Program: "Cuba and Cocaine." Narr. Bill Moyers. Frontline. Documentary Consortium. PBS. WTVS, Miami. 18 Jan. 1990.

Music Recordings (no composer shown): Lewiston, David. Fiestas of Peru: Music of the High Andes. LP. Nonesuch Records, 1972.

Composer and performer different: Guthrie, Woody. Pete Seeger Sings Woody Guthrie. Perf. Pete Seeger. Audiocassette. Folkways, 1968.