

MLA Works Cited Format & Examples

MLA Style Guidelines

- Center the title (Works Cited) at the top of your page
- Set all margins to 1”
- Alphabetize the list by author’s last name OR the first word of the entry (ignore *The, A, An*)
- Double space the entire document, both between and within entries
- Use hanging indentation; after the first line, indent each subsequent line ½” (tab)
- Number the page at the top right with your last name (Smith 11)
- Remove hyperlinks so that the URL/web address appears as regular text, if required by your teacher

PRINT MEDIUM

BOOKS

Author’s Last name, First. *Title of Book*. City: Publisher, Copyright date. Medium.

- Shorten the publisher’s name; omit words like: *Company, Co., Corp., Inc., House, Publishers, Press*. University Press becomes UP (Oxford UP; U of Chicago P).
- Cite the publisher’s name that appears on the title page.

One Author

Banks, Robert B. *Slicing Pizzas, Racing Turtles, and Further Adventures in Applied Mathematics*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 2002. Print.

Editor

Bellenir, Karen, ed. *Debt Information for Teens: Tips for a Successful Financial Life*. Detroit: Omnigraphics, 2008. Print.

Two or Three Authors

Lorenz, Ralph and Jacqueline Mitton. *Titan Unveiled: Saturn’s Mysterious Moon Explored*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 2008. Print.

More Than Three Authors—Choose the first author listed: Doe, John, et al. (“and others”)...

A Specific Work in an Anthology (For citing one chapter in a book; each chapter may have a different author)

Washington, George. “Farewell Address.” *A Patriot’s Handbook: Songs, Poems, Stories, and Speeches Celebrating the Land We Love*. Comp. Caroline Kennedy. New

York: Hyperion, 2003. 34-40. Print.

REFERENCE BOOKS—Note: Look at each article to see if it is signed by an author.

Multivolume Reference Work (Subject Encyclopedia)

Author's Last name, First. "Article Title." *Title of Encyclopedia*. Editor. Vol. #. City: Publisher, Copyright date. Medium.

If the article has no author, put the title first.

"Climate." *UXL Encyclopedia of Weather and Natural Disasters*. Ed. Anaxos, Inc.

Vol. 1. Farmington Hills: Gale, 2008. Print.

General Encyclopedia with a New Edition Each Year

"Globalization." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 2004 ed. Print.

JOURNALS AND PERIODICALS IN PRINT FORM

Author's Last name, First. "Article Title." *Newspaper/Magazine Title* Date of Publication: page numbers. Medium.

- Note: There is no punctuation after the *Newspaper/Magazine Title*

Newspaper Article

Trejos, Nancy. "Credit Card Restrictions Close to Enactment." *Washington Post* 20 May

2009: A1+. Print.

Magazine Article

Bourne, Jr., Joel K. "The End of Plenty." *National Geographic* June 2009: 26-59. Print.

Scholarly Journal (Peer-Reviewed or Refereed Publications)

Author's Last name, First. "Article Title." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): page numbers. Medium.

Dobrovits, Peter. "Surfing the Net: The Myth and the Reality." *Australian Library*

Journal 56.2 (2007): 128-134. Print.

GRAPHIC NARRATIVES IN PRINT FORM

Graphic Novel

Author's Last name, First. *Title*. Volume. City: Publisher, Copyright date. Medium.

Smith, Jeff. *Bone*. Vol. 6. New York: Scholastic, 2007. Print.

WEB-BASED SOURCES

Author, compiler, editor. "Title of work." *Title of overall website*. Version or edition.
Publisher or sponsor of site, Date of publication (day, month, year or n.d. if none).
Medium of publication. Date of access.

WORK CITED ONLY ON THE WEB

"Piracy Throughout History." *World History: The Modern Era*. ABC-CLIO, 2009.

Web. 20 May 2009.

"Banned Books Week Basics." *American Library Association*. American Library

Association. 2009. Web. 20 May 2009.

"Giant Panda." *Amazing Animals of the World*. Grolier Online, 2009. Web. 20 May 2009.

WORK ON THE WEB (OR DATABASE) CITED WITH PRINT PUBLICATION DATA

"Abraham Lincoln." *Encyclopedia of World Biography*. 2nd ed. Vol. 17. Farmington

Hills: Gale, 1998. *Biography Resource Center*. Web. 20 May 2009.

PODCAST

Title of podcast. *Title of program or series*. Name of network (if any). Call letters and city of local station (if any). Broadcast date. *Title of database or website*.
Medium. Date of access (day, month, year).

"Suez Canal Revenue Falls." *NPR Business Story of the Day*. NPR. 28 April 2009.

General OneFile. Web. 21 May 2009.

DIGITAL FILE (MP3) FROM DATABASE WITH PRINT PUBLICATION DATA

Author's Last name, First. "Article Title." City: Publisher, Copyright date. *Title of database*. Medium. Date of access.

Fitzgerald, Kevin T. "Cloning Research Would Not Benefit Humans." San Diego:

Greenhaven, 1998. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 26 May 2009.

PERIODICAL PUBLICATION IN AN ONLINE DATABASE

Magazine/Newspaper

Author's Last name, First. "Article Title." *Title of Newspaper/Magazine* Date of Publication: page numbers. *Title of Database*. Medium. Date of access (day, Month, and year)

- If there is no page number, write : n pag.

Bacon, Jr., Perry. "Wage-ing Battle." *Time* 1 May 2006: 10. *Opposing Viewpoints*

Resource Center. Web. 20 May 2009.

Cauchon, Dennis. "Deals Cut for Energy, Land Use." *USA Today* 30 July 2008: n pag.

MAS Ultra School Edition. Web. 15 May 2009.

Scholarly Journal (Peer-Reviewed or Refereed Publications)

Author's Last name, First. "Article Title." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): page Numbers. Medium.

Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and

Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." *African*

American Review. 32.1 (1998): 9-16. *JSTOR*. Web. 5 June 2008.

IMAGES

Last name, First of photographer or illustrator. "Title of work." Date. *Title of database or website*. Medium. Date of access.

Online Image

Parks, Gordon. "Beach Fashions." 1951. *Life Photo Archives Hosted by Google*. Web.

20 May 2009.

FILMS OR VIDEO RECORDINGS

Film

Title of Film. Director. Distributor, Year of release. Medium.

- Optional: Include significant performers after the director (Perf. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie).
- Medium examples: DVD, Videocassette, Slide program, Film, Laser disc.

Paul Blart: Mall Cop. Dir. Steve Carr. Sony, 2009. Film.

DVD/Videocassette

Title of Film. Director. Original release date. Distributor. Year of release. Medium.

Life is Beautiful. Dir. Robert Benigni. 1997. Buena Vista, 1999. DVD.

INTERVIEWS

Last name, First of person interviewed. Kind of interview. Date (day, month, year).

Banbury, John. Personal Interview. 1 June 2006.

Television Interview

Last name, First of person interviewed. Interview (if untitled). *Title of program*.

Network. Station, Location. Date (day, month, year). Medium.

Wiesel, Elie. Interview. *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. ABC. WJLA, Washington, D.C. 24

May 2006. Television.

SOUND RECORDINGS

Last name, First of performer. *Title of recording*. Manufacturer, Year of issue. Medium.

Taylor, James. *Covers*. Hear Music, 2008. CD.

Specific Song as Digital File

Last name, First of performer. "Song Title." *Album Title*. Manufacturer, Year of issue.

Medium.

Harris, Emmylou. "Shores of White Sand." *All I Intended to Be*. Nonesuch, 2008. MP3

File.