

# MLA Style Citation Guide

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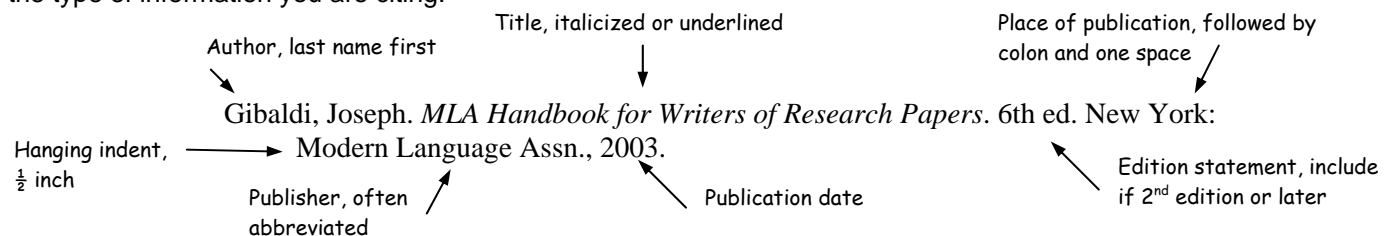
Most citations include 3 key elements: (1) author's name, (2) title or source, and (3) publication information.

- Underline or italicize titles; italics are preferred for bibliographies published on the Web.
- Follow elements with a period and one space.
- Additional elements such as number of volumes, edition numbers, or Web address and date of access may be required.
- List each source separately; arrange alphabetically by author's last name or title if there is no author.
- Consult the *MLA Handbook* (cited in Anatomy, below) and/or the *MLA Home page* (<http://www.mla.org>) for more examples and explanation and for information on citing sources in the text.

## ANATOMY of an MLA CITATION

Below is a citation for a book with a single author, which contains four elements: author, title, publication information and date. Consult the title page and the back of the title page for citation information.

Other types of materials require different elements, such as article title and issue date for periodicals; and URL and date of access for anything accessed on the Web. Follow the examples in this guide to format citations according to the type of information you are citing.



## 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: Christianse, John B., and Irene W. Leigh. *Cochlear Implants in Children: Ethics and Choices*. Washington, D.C.: Gallaudet UP, 2002.
- 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.
- Essay or Chapter within a collection or anthology: Sweeney, John J., "The New Internationalism." *Global Backlash: Citizen Initiatives in a Just World Economy*. Ed. Robin Broad. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002. 47-50.
- Ebook (electronic book): Thornton, Chris. *Truth from Trash: How Learning Makes Sense*. Cambridge, MA: MIT P, 2000. NetLibrary. Seattle Central Community Coll. Lib. 24 Feb. 2003. <<http://emedia.netlibrary.com>>.

## REFERENCE SOURCES

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

General encyclopedia article:	Trainen, Martha. "New York State." <i>The Encyclopedia Americana</i> . 1992 ed.
Subject encyclopedia article:	Hammond, William H. "Media and the War." <i>Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War</i> . New York: Macmillan Library Reference, 1996.
Article in a multi-volume work not in alphabetical order:	Tusse, Johannes. "Education in Ethiopia." <i>Encyclopedia of East Africa</i> . Vol. 2. Nairobi: Kenya P, 1992. 565-72. 3 vols.
Entire reference work:	Niiya, Brian, ed. <i>Japanese American History: An A to Z Reference from 1868 to the Present</i> . New York: Facts on File, 1993.
Online reference database:	"Language." <i>Encyclopædia Britannica Online</i> . 2003. Encyclopædia Britannica. Seattle Central Community Coll. Lib. 24 Feb. 2003 < <a href="http://search.eb.com/eb/">http://search.eb.com/eb/</a> >.
Online reference database:	Glazer, Sarah. "Avian Flu Threat." <i>The CQ Researcher</i> 16.2 (2006). Seattle Central Community Coll. Lib. 24 Jan. 2006 < <a href="http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/">http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/</a> >.

## PERIODICAL ARTICLES

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Include author's name (when shown), title of article, periodical name, and page numbers.

- Journal citations should include the volume and issue number, and the publication year.
- For magazine and newspapers, omit the volume and issue number and include the complete date.
- For full text articles from electronic databases, add the database title and publisher, library through which you gained access and city and state (if it is not clear from the library name), date of access, and URL

For URLs for full-text articles from research databases, visit: the library website at <http://dept.sccd.ctc.edu/cclib/>

Journal article:	Wernerfelt, Birgner. "Advertising Content When Brand Choice Is a Signal." <i>Journal of Business</i> 63.1 (1990): 91-98.
Article in a weekly publication:	Ryback, Timothy W. "Letter from Salzburg." <i>New Yorker</i> 30 Dec. 1991: 62-75.
Article in a monthly publication:	Alford, Jeffrey. "Ap Nam? Kin Khao? Feeling at Home in Thai Kitchens." <i>Eating Well</i> Jan. - Feb. 1992: 44-55.
Newspaper Article:	Miller, David. "Tightening the Belt." <i>Seattle Times</i> 5 Jan. 1992: A1.
Anonymous Article:	"Saddam's Republican Guards." <i>Time</i> 4 Feb. 1991: 24.
Editorial:	Schmemann, Serge. "The World According to Gorbachev Disappears." Editorial. <i>New York Times</i> 8 Dec. 1991: E3.
Book or Movie Review:	Deresiewicz, William. "On Everything." Rev. of <i>On Beauty</i> , by Zadie Smith. <i>The Nation</i> 3 Oct. 2005: 25.
Full text from a Periodical Database:	Keegan, John, and Tom Wolfe. "Who Should be Person of the Century?" <i>Time</i> 30 August 1999:15+. <i>ProQuest Research Library</i> . ProQuest Information and Learning Co. Seattle Central Community Coll. Lib. 22 Feb. 2003 < <a href="http://proquest.umi.com/pdqweb/">http://proquest.umi.com/pdqweb/</a> >.
Full text from a Periodical Database:	Paul, Annie Murphy. "Where Bias Begins: The Truth About Stereotypes." <i>Psychology Today</i> May - June 1998: 52+. <i>Academic Search Premier</i> . EBSCO Publishing. Seattle Central Community Coll. Lib. 8 Nov. 2002 < <a href="http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx">http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx</a> >.

## WORLD WIDE WEB SITES & SOURCES

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### First determine the type of source:

- For sources that exist only on the Web, follow the examples below.
- Include: Author (if known), title of the article or webpage (in quotes), title of the complete work (italicized or underlined), date of electronic publication or the latest update, organization sponsoring the site (if applicable), date you accessed the document, and complete URL. If the URL is extremely long and cumbersome, list the URL of the site's search page.

World Wide Web Site:	<i>Civil Rights in Mississippi Digital Archive</i> . 16 Nov. 2004. University of Southern Mississippi Libraries. 6 Oct. 2005 < <a href="http://www.lib.usm.edu/~spcol/crda">www.lib.usm.edu/~spcol/crda</a> >.
Webpage or article within a website	Quigley, Fran. "How the ACLU Didn't Steal Christmas." <i>ACLU</i> . 7 Dec. 2005. American Civil Liberties Union. 15 Dec. 2005 < <a href="http://www.aclu.org/religion/gen/22324res20051207.html">http://www.aclu.org/religion/gen/22324res20051207.html</a> >.
Webpage or article within a website (no author)	"Echoes of Africa." <i>bbc.co.uk</i> . 14 Dec. 2005. British Broadcasting Corp. 15 Dec. 2005 < <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/features/africa/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/features/africa/</a> >.
Article from an online newspaper:	Yardley, Jim. "New Survey Reduces Estimate of AIDS and H.I.V. Cases in China." <i>New York Times on the Web</i> 25 Jan. 2006. 30 Jan. 2006 < <a href="http://www.nytimes.com">http://www.nytimes.com</a> >.
Article from an online journal:	Flannagan, Roy. "Reflections on Milton and Ariosto." <i>Early Modern Literary Studies</i> 2.3 (1996): 16 pars. 22 Feb. 2001 < <a href="http://www.shu.ac.uk/emls/02-3/flanmilt.html">http://www.shu.ac.uk/emls/02-3/flanmilt.html</a> >.
Article from an online magazine:	Johnsen, Dawn. "The Outer Shell: the Hollowing of Roe v. Wade." <i>Slate</i> 25 Jan. 2006. 1 Feb. 2006 < <a href="http://www.slate.com/id/2134849/?nav=fo">http://www.slate.com/id/2134849/?nav=fo</a> >.
Personal Web Page:	Alexie, Sherman. <i>shermanalexie.com</i> . 2004. 21 April 2005 < <a href="http://www.fallsapart.com">http://www.fallsapart.com</a> >.
Online Posting to an email discussion list:	Hake, Richard. "Why Physics First." Online posting. 15 Oct. 2002. Mathedcc. 21 Jan. 2003 < <a href="http://mathforum.org/epigone/math-teach/">http://mathforum.org/epigone/math-teach/</a> >.
Map:	"Strait of Tiran." Map. <i>Perry Castenada Library Map Collection</i> . University of Texas. 1 May 2006 < <a href="http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps">http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps</a> >.

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

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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. <i>Raising Rabbits, Helpful Suggestions for Beginners</i> . Extension Bulletin 0975. Pullman: WSU, 1991.
Federal Publication:	United States. Commerce Dept. <i>An Act to Provide the Small Business Administration Continuing Authority to Administer a Program for Small Innovative Firms, and for Other Purposes</i> . Washington: GPO, 1986.
Government Web site:	United States. Library of Congress. Copyright Office. <i>Copyright Basics</i> . Sept. 2000. 3 March 2003 < <a href="http://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ1.html">http://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ1.html</a> >.

## AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

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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 films, if you are citing a videocassette or DVD include the medium before the name of the distributor. For music, if you are using a format *other than* compact disc (CD), indicate as shown in the examples below.

- Film (VHS or DVD): *Super Size Me*. Dir. Morgan Spurlock. DVD. The Con, 2003.
- Television or Radio Program: "Cuba and Cocaine." Narr. Bill Moyers. *Frontline*. Documentary Consortium. PBS. WTVS, Miami. 18 Jan. 1990.
- Music (song from a compact disc): Coltrane, John. "Giant Steps." *The Last Giant: The John Coltrane Anthology*. Rhino, 1993.
- Music Recording (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.
- Art work (found online): Van Gogh, Vincent. *The Olive Trees*. 1889. Museum of Mod. Art, New York. 22 Feb. 2006  
<[http://www.moma.org/collection/browse\\_results.php?object\\_id=80013](http://www.moma.org/collection/browse_results.php?object_id=80013)>.
- Interview (heard or read online): Jamieson, Kathleen Hall. Interview with Renee Montagne. "Political Apologies." *Morning Edition*. Natl. Public Radio. 20 Dec. 2002. 3 March 2003  
<<http://discover.npr.org/features/feature.jhtml?wfId=885601>>.
- Interview (broadcast): Gore, Al, and Tipper Gore. Interview with Terry Gross. *Fresh Air*. National Public Radio. KUOW, Seattle. 19 Nov. 2002.
- Personal Interview: Mitchell, Charles. Personal Interview. 7 March 2003.

## FORMATTING CITATIONS in MICROSOFT WORD

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### To format hanging indentation

1. Go to the *Format* menu and click *Paragraph*. Choose the *Indents and Spacing* tab
2. In the *Special* list under *Indentation*, select *Hanging*.
3. In the *By* box, set the amount of space for the hanging indent. Use preview to see the results of your adjustments before making your final decision.

### To turn off automatic underlining for Web addresses

1. Go to the *Format* menu and click *AutoFormat*.
2. Click *Options*.
3. Under the *AutoFormat* tab, if the *Internet and network paths with hyperlinks* box is checked, click to remove the check mark.
4. Click the *AutoFormat as you type* tab, and remove the check mark from *Internet and network paths with hyperlinks* box.
5. Click OK in the AutoCorrect window; click OK in the AutoFormat window.