

CITING SOURCES IN MLA, 8TH ED.

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS



Consult the *MLA Handbook* 8th edition, for additional information about MLA citation style. For a copy of the manual, ask at the service desk.

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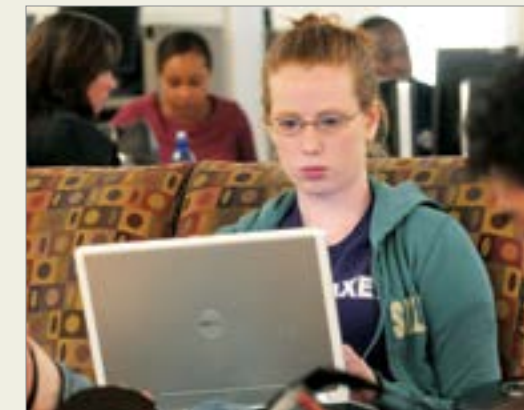
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GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

Using outside sources like books or articles in your assignment makes your arguments more credible. You demonstrate that your arguments are not just your opinion, but are based on evidence.

When you use other people's ideas in your work, you must observe the rules of academic integrity and cite your sources. Citations prevent any confusion over what is original to you and what you are borrowing. Citation styles like APA (American Psychological Association) or MLA (Modern Language Association) supply a standard method for identifying sources.

Use the examples in this brochure to help you cite your sources accurately. If you need more guidance, contact your instructor, the UT Arlington Writing Center, or a librarian.

DOCUMENTING SOURCES

CITING REFERENCES IN THE BODY

Cite documents by putting the author's last name and the page number in parentheses. Do not separate the information with a comma.

Examples:

Single Author

(Hallin 5)

Two Authors

(Smith and Anderson 15)

Three or More Authors

(Lauter et al. 2601-09)

Author's Name in Sentence

Tannen has argued this point (178-85)...

Indirect Source

Simon argues that high schools act as "social service centers and they don't do that well" (qtd. in Weisman 259).

Source with No Page Numbers

Armadillos are native to Central and South America (Holley).

Source with No Author

Start with the first word of the title (exclude A, An, and The).

International espionage was as prevalent as ever in the 1990s ("Decade" 135).

WORKS CITED LIST AT THE END OF THE PAPER

Include all information necessary for someone else to find the same resource. Only include materials that have been cited in the text of the paper. Organize the references alphabetically by the first author's last name, format with a hanging indent, and double space the entire works cited page.

Example:

Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*. Random House, 2002.
Gateward, Frances K. and John Jennings, editors. *The Blacker the Ink: Constructions of Black Identity in Comics and Sequential Art*. Rutgers UP, 2015.
Hooks, Bell. *Where We Stand: Class Matters*. Routledge, 2000.

INFORMATION FOR THE WORKS CITED LIST

Give names in the same order as on the title page. Reverse only the name of the first author, comma, give other names in normal form. Ex: Lee, Matthew, Ted Evans, and Joseph Wills. If there is no publication date or page numbers, do not use n.d. or n. pag for the missing information unless your instructor asks you to do.

General Format:

Author. Title of Source. Title of Container, Other Contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication Date, Location. Title of Container 2, Other Contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication Date, Location.

PRINT SOURCES

Book

Author's Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.
Gaiman, Neil and Terry Pratchett. *Good Omens*. Ace, 1990.

Book by Three or More Authors

Lastname, Firstname, et. al. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.

Elder, Robert K., et al. *Hidden Hemingway: Inside the Ernest Hemingway Archives of Oak Park*. Kent State UP, 2016.

Print Anthology

An anthology is a collection of writings by different authors.

Editor's Name, editor. *Title of Anthology*. Publisher, Publication Date.

Bernhard, Virginia and Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, editors. *The Birth of American Feminism: The Seneca Falls Woman's Convention of 1848*. Wiley, 1995.

Essay/Short Story/Poem/Article in a Print Anthology

Author's Name. "Title of Article/Essay/Short Story/Poem." *Title of Anthology*, edited by Editor's Name, Publisher, Publication Date, Inclusive Pages.

More, Hannah. "The Black Slave Trade: A Poem." *British Women Poets of the Romantic Era*, edited by Paula R. Feldman, Johns Hopkins UP, 1997, pp. 472-82.

ONLINE SOURCES

MLA recommends including the URL as part of the location. If your instructor asks you not to include the URL, then don't. Do not include the http:// as part of the URL. For sources found in databases, use the permalink or stable URL. If the source has a DOI, include the DOI instead of the URL. If there is no date, then you can optionally include the date of access at the end of the citation.

Book Accessed Online

Author's Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date, *Title of Database/Web Site*, URL/DOI.

Simkin, Stevie. *Cultural Constructions of the Femme Fatale: From Pandora's Box to Amanda Knox*. Palgrave MacMillan, 2014, *Ebook Library*, utarl.eblib.com/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=1880231.

Essay/Short Story/Poem/Article in an Anthology Accessed Online

Author's Name. "Title of Article/Essay/Short Story/Poem." *Title of Anthology*, edited by Editor's Name, Publisher, Publication Date, Inclusive Pages, *Title of Database/Web Site*, URL/DOI.

Whittier, John G. "A Prayer." *The Freedmen's Book*, edited by L. Marie Child, 1866, p. 178, *Google Book Search*, www.books.google.com/books?id=AN9tAAAAMAAJ.

Journal Article Accessed Online

Author's Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Volume Number, Issue Number, Publication Date, Inclusive Pages, *Title of Database/Web Site*, URL/DOI.

Link, Alex. "Laughing Androids, Weeping Zombies, and Edgar Allan Poe." *ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance*, vol. 58, no. 3, 2012, pp. 257-293, *Project Muse*, www.muse.jhu.edu/article/498619/pdf.

Magazine Article Accessed Online

Use this format if you find a magazine article while using library database or while searching the web.

Author's Name. "Title of Article." *Magazine Title*, Publication Date, Inclusive pages, *Title of Database/Web Site*, URL/DOI.

Luntz, Stephen. "Diet Influences Mental Health in Children." *Australasian Science*, vol. 34, no. 9, Nov. 2013, pp. 6-7, *Proquest*, search.proquest.com/docview/1443920246?acountid=7117.

Newspaper Article Accessed Online

Use this format if you find a newspaper article while using library databases or while searching the web.

Author's Name. "Title of Article." *Newspaper Title*, Publication Date, edition, Inclusive pages, *Title of Database/Web Site*, URL/DOI.

Eilperin, Juliet. "White House Searches for Suffragist Manifesto." *Washington Post*, 16 Oct. 2015, *Newspaper Source*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nfh&AN=wapo.3a5b27ca-734b-11e5-8d93-0af317ed58c9&site=ehost-live

Web Page

If there is no author, begin the reference with the document title or web page title. If the organization or publisher is the same as the web site title, then only list it once.

Author's Name. "Title of Web Page." *Title of Web Site*, Sponsoring Organization or Publisher, Publication Date, URL.

"Armadillo." *National Geographic*, 2016, www.animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/armadillo.

Web Exclusive Article

Use this format for articles that have not been published in print. If it is a web exclusive article that includes a volume and/or edition number, cite as a Journal Article Accessed Online.

Author's Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Web Site*, Sponsoring Organization or Publisher, Publication Date, URL.

Tyre, Peg. "Standardized Tests in College?" *Newsweek*, 16 Nov. 2007, www.newsweek.com/standardized-tests-college-96211.

Movie (Not In Theater)

Film Title. Directed by Director's Name, performance by Performers' Names, Distributor, Year.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Directed by Mel Stuart, performance by Gene Wilder, Warner Home Video, 2005.

Online Video Clip

If the author's name is the same as the organization or publisher, only cite the author once. If the author is different from the person who uploaded the video, cite the author's name before the title.

Creator's Name. "Title of Clip." *Host Web Site*, Sponsoring Organization or Publisher, Publication Date, URL.

"Curiosity Rover Report (August 2015): Three Years on Mars!" *NASA's Journey to Mars: Videos*, edited by Sarah Loff, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 30 July 2015, www.nasa.gov/topics/journeymars/videos/index.html.

Digital File (MP3, JPG, PDF)

Creator's Name. *Title*. Web Site/Distributor, Publication Date.

Queen. *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Rhapsody, 1991.

Personal Interview

Name of Person Interviewed. Personal interview. Date of interview.

Pei, I. M. Personal interview. 22 July 1993.