

Using **MLA** Format

Creating a Bibliography, Works Cited or References page using the NEW guidelines from MLA (7th ed.)

Please Note!

- **MLA Style now requires that all works cited have a “medium” designation after the publisher information, such as **Print, Web, Film, etc.****
- **The first line of your citation is at the left margin and any additional lines are indented 5 spaces.**
- **All lines are double-spaced.**
- **Pay attention to the punctuation in each example and follow accordingly.**
- **This is a BRIEF list of MLA Citations for the most commonly used resources – See your Librarian if you have questions about creating citations for other types of resources.**

PRINT RESOURCES – Books, Reference Resources, Magazines, Journals & Newspapers

Basic Format for a Print Book: For most books, arrange the information into units; pay attention to the punctuation that follows each unit of information: **the author's or editor's name**; **the title and subtitle, italicized**; **the place of publication**, **the publisher**, and **the date**; and **the medium**. For example:

Book with One Author

Brown, Amy. *The New Trends in Alternative Medicine.* New York: Putnam, 2001. Print.

Book with an Editor

Connor, Patricia, ed. *The World's Best Book of Travel Stories.* Oxford: Oxford UP, 2008. Print.

Signed Article from a Reference Book – add the **title of the essay in quotation** marks, and include the **edition number**

Pedrowsky, Ronald. "The Moons of Jupiter." *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia.*
16th ed. 1999. Print.

Unsigned Article from a Reference Book

"Heavy Metal Music." *The American Heritage Dictionary of the Music.* 4th ed. 2006. Print.

Articles in periodicals: This section shows how to prepare works cited entries for articles in magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers. Again, arrange the information into units - **the author's or editor's name**; **the title of the article**; **the title of the newspaper or journal, italicized**; **the place of publication**, **the publisher**, and **the date**; **the page(s) or section**, and **the medium**. For example:

Newspaper Article

Burnett, Charles. "Indonesia's Fuel Needs Impact the U.S." *Minneapolis Star Tribune*

6 Feb. 2008: A4. Print.

Article in a Magazine

Michaels, J. Peter. "Land of No Return." *National Geographic Traveler*

Mar. 2006: 84+. Print.

If the magazine is issued weekly, give the exact date.

Lewis, Lanna. "There's Nothing To Worry About." *US News and World Report* 14 Jan. 2007: 23. Print.

Article in a Scholarly, Academic or Professional Journal – include the volume and issues numbers and put the date in parenthesis

Michaels, Dylan. "Oil Crisis: Fiction and the Century." *Current Review* 21.6 (2008): 5-6. Print.

VIDEO RECORDINGS – Films, DVDs or Videotape

Film, DVD or Videotape Begin with the *title, italicized*. Cite the director ("Dir.") and the lead actors or narrator ("Perf." or "Narr."); the distributor; the year of the film's release; and the medium ("Videocassette," "DVD," "Film"). For example:

DVD

Finding Love. Dir. John Huston. Perf. Johnny Durango, Kate Hudson, Julia Morneau, Dan Mitchell, and

Steven Hoffmeir. Miramax, 2001. DVD.

Videocassette

The Hours of Need. Dir. Stephen Dalton. Narr. Donald Jaboy, Julianne Margulies, and

Nicole Ryder. Paramount, 2000. Videocassette.

ONLINE RESOURCES – Web site, Electronic Book, or Article from an Online Research Database

Entire Web Site Begin with the name of the author, editor, or corporate author (if known) and the *title of the site, italicized*. Then give the sponsor and the date of publication or last update. End with the medium and your date of access.

Example with Web site author or editor:

Pedowsky, Sarah Lynn. *The Life of Steve Martin*. Sarah Lynn Pedowsky,

2008. Web. 13 Mar. 2009.

Handsel, Paul, ed. *Internet Job Search Guide*. Kentucky U, 18

Jan. 2001. Web. 19 Aug. 2009.

Example with Web site corporate (group) author:

United States. Environmental Protection Agency. *Bottled Water Standards*.

EPA, 7 Nov 2007. Web. 24 Jan. 2009.

Example with Web site author unknown:

UFO Project. Astronomy Dept., Columbia U, 18 Oct.

2002. Web. 6 Mar. 2009.

Electronic Book (NetLibrary e-Book) List the Author first, then *italicize the title of the book*, the place of publication, the publisher, and the copyright date of the book; the *name of the e-book database in italics*, the medium, and the date of access. For Example:

Ruthman, Kirk. *Medical Alternatives*. Denver: U. of Colorado, 2002.

NetLibrary. Web. 14 Jan. 2009.

Journal or Magazine Article in an Online Database (ProQuest, InfoTrac, EBSCO, etc.) For sources retrieved from a library's subscription database, first the author's or editor's name; the title of the article in quotation marks; *the title of the newspaper or journal, italicized*; volume and issues numbers (if included) and the date published; and the page(s). Then give the *name of the database, italicized*; the medium; and your date of access. For Example:

Article from an online journal with volume and issue numbers

Kirk, Evangeline. "The Wolves of Minnesota." *Endangered Species Chronicle* 19.2 (2001): 44-50.

Expanded Academic Index. Web. 26 Feb. 2007.

Article from an online journal without volume and issue numbers

Sampson, David. "A Case for Remedial Reading in College." *Scholastic Review* Jan.-Feb. 2008:

64-69. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 1 Jan. 2009.

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