

Guide to Citing Research Sources: MLA Style

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You can use this guide to citing sources in MLA (Modern Languages Association) style, which is the style used primarily in the humanities, such as English and History. For further information, see the book *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th Edition* (Located at the Library's Research Help/Information Desk).

[NoodleTools](http://www.noodletools.com/login.php), a web based citation software at: <http://www.noodletools.com/login.php> will generate a citation or "Works Cited" list from fill-in information the user provides. NoodleTools use is free, **but you must register for the site using a campus PC**, before using it off campus.

Works Cited

The Works Cited listing, placed at the end of your paper, sets forth basic information about your sources, including the author's name, title of the work and publication information. Sources are alphabetized by the author's last name. The list is double-spaced with a hanging indent of five spaces. The type of publication (print, web, film, *etc.*) is included at the end of the citation. The following citations are examples of commonly used resources in a Works Cited list:

BOOKS: *

General Formula: Punctuation is enlarged, bold-faced and underlined to highlight requirements.

Author's last name, first name middle name, (exactly as it appears on the title page) *Title of Work*. Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication, Type of publication.

One Author:

Langman, Peter. *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. Print.

Two or three Authors:

Kane, Joseph Nathan and Janet Podell. *Facts about the Presidents: A Compilation of Biographical and Historical Information*. New York: H.W. Wilson Co., 2009. Print.

More than three Authors:

Delpeuch, Francis, et al. *Globesity: a planet out of control?* Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2009. Print.

An Editor (ed.) or Compiler (comp.)

Ball, Michael and Martin Wietschel, eds. *The Hydrogen Economy: Opportunities and Challenges*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009. Print.

Author and Illustrator (Illus.), Translator (Trans.) or Editor (Ed.):

Xinran. *China witness: Voices from a Silent Generation*. Trans. Nicky Harman, Julia Lovell and Esther Tyldesley. New York: Pantheon Books, 2009. Print.

* Title examples are taken from the UW-Sheboygan new book list, December 3, 2010 at <http://www.sheboygan.uwc.edu/library/lists/>.

Corporation, Association, Committee or other group in which individuals are not named on title page:

George Philip & Son and Oxford University Press. *Atlas of the world*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. Print.

One work from an Anthology:

Bryant-Bertrail, Sarah. "Old Spirits in a New World: Pacific Northwest Performance: Identity, Authenticity, Theatricality." *Native American Performance and Representation*. Ed. S.E. Wilmer. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2009. 40-60. Print.

Title within a Title:

Whitman, Cedric H. "The Odyssey and Change." *Twentieth Century Interpretations of The Odyssey*. Ed. Howard W. Clarke. Prentice-Hall: Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1983. 72-92. Print.

Introduction, a Preface, a Foreword or an Afterword:

Cajete, Greg. "Thank you, Simon." Foreword. *Simon J. Ortiz: a Poetic Legacy of Indigenous Continuance*. Eds. Susan Berry Brill de Ramirez and Evelina Zuni Lucero. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2009. ix – xii. Print.

ARTICLES:

General Format: Punctuation is enlarged, bold-faced and underlined to highlight requirements.

Author's name. (last, first middle-- as it appears on title page). "Title of the article." *Name of Journal*.

xx.xx [vol and issue, using numbers only] (yr. of publication) : pg #. Type of publication.

Article in a Scholarly Journal with Continuous Pagination:

Hollander, Gail M. "Securing Sugar: National Security Discourse and the Establishment of Florida's Sugar-Producing Region." *Economic Geography*. 81.4 (2005): 339-58. Print.

Article in a Monthly Magazine:

Neuman, Johanna. "A Venerable Tradition." *U.S. News & World Report*. Nov. 2010: 14-21. Print.

Article in a Weekly Magazine:

Calabresi, Massimo. "The War on Secrecy." *Time*. 13 December 2010: 30-37. Print.

Anonymous Article: "In Whose Backyard? The Battle for 'Environmental Justice.'" *The Economist*. 4 December 2010: 44. Print.

Newspaper Article:

Petrie, Bob. "Leaning Power Pole Snarls Traffic at Deer Trace, I-43." *Sheboygan Press* 19 Dec. 2010:

A1+. Print.

Newspaper Article in different editions:

Broad, William. "New Advice on the Unthinkable: How to Survive a Nuclear Bomb." *New York Times*

16 Dec. 2010, national ed.: A1+. Print.

Article in a Dictionary or Encyclopedia:

"Citation." Def. 3. *Oxford English Dictionary*. 2nd ed. 1989.

Note: Signed articles in an encyclopedia should include the author's name and the title of the article in quotes at the beginning of the citation.

Doe, John. "Missing Persons." *New Encyclopedia Britannica*. 15th ed. 1993. Print.

NONPERIODICAL WEB PUBLICATIONS

General Format: Punctuation is enlarged, bold-faced and underlined to highlight requirements.

Author's name, (last, first middle). **"Title of the Document."** *Title of the Internet site.* Publisher or

sponsor of the site, (if not available, use N.p.) Date of publication or latest revision. Medium of

publication (Web). Date of access (day month and year).

Newspaper (Article on newspaper website or on newswire)

Bhanoo, Sindya N. "Humans, Like Animals, Are Fearless Without Amygdala." *New York Times*. New

York Times, 16 Dec. 2010. Web. 20 Dec. 2010.

Essay in an Online Database:

Chittom, Lynn-nore. "Point: We Have a Better Understanding of Autism." *Points of View Reference*

Center. EBSCO Publishing, 2008. Web. 4 Sept. 2009.

Electronic Book (with print publication data):

Perl, Lila. *Immigration: this land is whose land?* New York : Marshall Cavendish Benchmark, 2010.

NetLibrary. Web. 20 Dec. 2010.

PERIODICAL WEB PUBLICATIONS

General Format: Punctuation is enlarged, bold-faced and underlined to highlight requirements.

Author's name. (last, first middle-- as it appears on title page). "Title of the article." *Name of Journal*.

xx.xx [vol and issue, using numbers only] (yr. of publication) : pg #. Web. 20 Dec. 2010. (If no page is cited, use n.pg.)

Scholarly Journal Articles:

Giralt, Gabriel F. "Realism and Realistic Representation in the Digital Age." *Journal of Film and Video* 62.3 (2010): 3-16. Web. 20 Dec. 2010.

Journal Article in Online Database:

Thornburgh, Nathan. "The Battle For Arizona." *Time*. 14 June 2010: 38-43. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 20 Dec. 2010.

PARENTHETICAL CITATIONS IN-TEXT

MLA style requires use of *parenthetical citations* in text, rather than footnotes or endnotes. The reference in The citation is usually placed at the end of all punctuation, except the last punctuation mark. The purpose is to lead the reader from sources cited within the paper to the alphabetically arranged Works Cited list at the end of your paper. Citations of online resources follow the same rules as for print sources. Examples follow:

One name: *In text:* Langman contends that mass violence in schools is not new (3). *In reference:* The difference in school violence today is that teenagers are the perpetrators (Langman 3-4).

Two names: *In text:* Ramirez and Lucero argue that Ortiz's writing has had a tremendous impact on contemporary Native American literature (52). *In reference:* Ortiz is one of the most influential writers of contemporary Native American literature (Ramirez and Lucero 52).

Name and title in text: In his book, *Why Kids Kill*, Langman explores the psychological causes of school shootings. (*Note:* a page number is not necessary when citing the reference as a whole.)

Citing a work listed by title: "Soft skills" are those that are required for work, but are not listed in a job description ("Preparing for your Career").

Quotations in text: Langman defines paranoid people as "obsessed with independence and self-control" (33).

"Paranoid people are obsessed with independence and self-control; they are hypersensitive about being influenced by others" (Langman 33).

Volume and page of a multi-volume work: According to the *Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance*, assessment tests are an important tool in determining an occupation that is right for you (1: 10-14).

Name of a corporate author in text: The Modern Languages Association has simplified the MLA citation style for works published on the Web (xvii).