How to Cite Information Using the MLA Style, 9th Edition

This handout covers the latest version of MLA Citation Style. For further detail you may consult the *MLA Handbook 9th edition*, located in the Hartnell Library at Reference Services **REF LB 2369 .M52 2021**.

In the next few pages are examples of some of the more common sources that you cite when writing research papers. These are good examples/guides to help you when doing your citations. There is also more information on some of the specific rules at the end of this handout.

Author Formatting

Single Author	**Last Name, First Name.**
	Vonnegut, Kurt. *Cat's Cradle*. Penguin, 1965.
Two Authors	**1st Author listed is Last Name, First Name, 2nd Author listed is First Name Last Name.**
	Ellis, Catherine, and Stephen Drury Smith. *Free All Along: The Robert Penn Warren Civil Rights Interviews*. The New Press, 2017.
Three or More Authors	**Only name the 1st Author listed by Last Name, First Name, followed by et al.**
	Green, Matthew, et al. "Elite Rugby Players' Attitudes towards Sport Psychology Consulting." *Sport & Psychology Review,* vol. 8, no. 1, Feb. 2012, pp. 32-44.
Corporate/Organization Author	**Put corporate author at the beginning of the citation.**
	United Nations. *Consequences of Rapid Population Growth in Developing Countries*. Taylor and Francis, 1991.
Corporate/Organization Author (Is Also the Publisher of the Book)	**If the author is also the publisher, start the citation with the book title and just put the corporate author as the publisher.**
	MLA Handbook. 9th ed. Modern Language Association of America, 2021.
Unknown/No Author listed	**If author is not named or unknown, leave author field blank and start with the next thing in the citation (in this case the book title).**
	Go Ask Alice. Simon & Schuster, 2006.

Books

Book With Author	**Author.** *Book Title.* **Publisher, Year of Publication**. Pollan, Michael. *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*. Penguin, 2007.
Book eBook from an Online Library Database **	**Author(s).** *Book Title.* **Edition (if listed), Publisher, Year of Publication.** *Database Name,* **URL (permalink or truncated).** Marzluff, John M. *In Search of Meadowlarks: Birds, Farms, and Food in Harmony with the Land*. Yale UP, 2020. *EBSCOhost eBook Collection*, login.ezproxy.hartnell.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=2365728&site=ehost-live.
Book eBook version of a published work not from a database or website	**Author.** *Book Title.* **E-book ed., Publisher, Year of Publication**. Chernow, Ron. *Grant*. E-book ed., Penguin Books, 2017.
Book eBook published on a website	**Author.** *Book Title.* **Publisher, Year of Publication.** *Website Name*, **URL.** Berkey, Dennis D. *Calculus*. 2nd ed., Saunders College Publishers, 1988. *Open Library,* openlibrary.org/books/OL2396751M/Calculus.
Book With Editor	**Editor.** *Book Title.* **Publisher, Year of Publication.** Foner, Eric, editor. *Voices of Freedom: A Documentary History*. W.W. Norton, 2014.
Book With Author and Editor	**Author.** *Book Title.* **Editor(s), Publisher, Year of Publication.** Hemingway, Ernest. *Letters of Ernest Hemingway Volume 1, 1907-1922*. Edited by Sandra Spanier and Robert W. Trogdon, Cambridge UP, 2011.
Book Chapter or Work in an Anthology or Compilation	**Author. "Title of Work."** *Book Title***, Editor, Publisher, Year of Publication, Page Numbers.** Twain, Mark. "Advice to Youth." *The Norton Reader*, edited by Linda H. Peterson, W.W. Norton, 2008, pp. 677-679.
Book With a Later Edition	**Author(s).** *Book Title.* **Edition, Publisher, Year of Publication.** Fuentes, Agustin. *Biological Anthropology: Concepts and Connections*. 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill, 2012.

Academic/Scholarly Journal Articles

Journal Article in an Online Library Database**	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, Original Page Numbers.** *Database Name,* **URL (permalink or truncated).** Quinney, Kimber M. "Teaching the History of the Cold War through the Lens of Immigration." *History Teacher,* vol. 51, no. 4, Aug. 2018, pp. 661- 96. *Academic Search Complete*, login.ezproxy.hartnell.edu/login?url=http:// search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=131995059&site=ehost-live.
Journal Article from an Online Library Database with a DOI number	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).** *Database Name,* **DOI Number.** Dolman, Sarah J., and Michael Jasny. "Evolution of Marine Noise Pollution Management." *Aquatic Mammals,* vol. 41, no. 4, 2015, pp. 357-374. *Academic Search Complete,* https://doi.org/10.1578/AM.41.4.2015.357.
Journal Article from an Online Journal with a DOI number	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, DOI number.** Biggs, Paul Robert, et al. "Which Osteoarthritic Gait Features Recover Following Total Knee Replacement Surgery?" *PLos ONE*, vol. 14, no. 1, 2019, https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0203417.
Journal Article from an Online Journal without a DOI number	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, URL.** Clement, Tanya E., and Liz Fischer. "Audiated Annotation from the Middle Ages to the Open Web." *Digital Humanities Quarterly*, vol. 15, no. 1, 2021, www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/15/1/000512/000512.html.
Journal Article from hard copy printed journal	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).** Green, Matthew, et al. "Elite Rugby Players' Attitudes towards Sport Psychology Consulting." *Sport & Psychology Review,* vol. 8, no. 1, Feb. 2012, pp. 32-44.
Specific database: *Academic Video*	**Author(s).** ***Video Title*. Publisher, Publication Date.** *Database Name*, **URL.** *The Apple Pushers*. Films Media Group, 2012. *Academic Video,* video.alexanderstreet.com/watch/the-apple-pushers.

Specific database: *CQ Researcher*	**Author(s). "Report Title: Subtitle." *Publication Title,* Date, Page Numbers. *Database Name*, URL.** McCutcheon, Chuck. "Young Voters: Can White House Hopefuls Win over Millennials?" *CQ Researcher*, 2 Oct. 2015, pp. 817-40. *CQ Researcher Online*, library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/document.php?id=cqresrre 2015100200&type=hitlist&num=0.
Specific database: *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* Use the URL given in the Citation Tool	**Author(s). "Article Title." *Publication Title,* Date, Page Numbers. *Database Name,* URL.** Weinstein, Jason M., et al. "Privacy vs. Public Safety: Prosecuting and Defending Criminal Cases in the Post-Snowden Era." *American Criminal Law Review,* 2015, pp. 729+. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*, link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/A434223297/OVIC?u=cclc_hart&sid= OVIC&xid=4b58f8d4.

** See page 195-196 of MLA Handbook for more information on the use of URLs. If the permalink is too long you can use the truncated version of the database URL...for example instead of the complete URL for an article from an EBSCOhost database, you could truncate it to: search.ebscohost.com (other databases would have a different truncated URL).

Magazine Articles

Magazine Article in an Online Library Database**	**Author(s). "Article Title." *Magazine or Newspaper Title,* Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s). *Database Name,* URL (permalink or truncated).** Taibbi, Matt. "Who Will Fix Facebook?" *Rolling Stone*, Dec. 2018, pp. 72-97. *MasterFILE Complete*, login.ezproxy.hartnell.edu/login?url=http:// search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=f6h&AN=133232045&site=ehost-live.
Magazine Article from a Website	**Author(s). "Article Title." *Magazine Title*, Date of Publication, URL.** Abramson, Alana. "How a Coalition of Business and Labor Groups Helped Save the Infrastructure Bill." *Time*, 30 July 2021, time.com/6085184/business-labor-congress-infrastructure/.
Magazine Article from a hard copy printed magazine	**Author(s). "Article Title." *Magazine Title,* Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).** Hiatt, Brian. "Monterey Pop." *Rolling Stone,* 12 July 2007, pp. 93-94.

Newspaper Articles

Newspaper Article from an Online Library Database**	**Author(s). "Article Title."** *Newspaper Title*, **Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).** *Database Name*, **URL (permalink or truncated)**
	
	 Gellman, Lindsay. "When College Debt Meets a Holiday." *Wall Street Journal,* eastern ed., 22
	
	      Dec. 2013, p. 3. *ProQuest National Newspapers,* search
	
	      .proquest.com/usnews/docview/1470157950/19C7E45A40FF4AA6PQ/4?accountid=937.

Newspaper Article from the Newspaper's Web Site	**Author(s). "Article Title."** *Newspaper Title,* **Date of Publication, URL of Website.**
	
	 Schwartz, John. "After a Natural Disaster, Is It Better to Rebuild or Retreat?" *The New York*
	
	      Times Online, 13 Dec. 2018, www.nytimes.com/2018
	
	      /12/13/us/after-a-natural-disaster-is-it-better-to-rebuild-or-retreat.html.

Newspaper Article from a hard copy printed newspaper	**Author(s). "Article Title."** *Newspaper Title*, **Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).** Maxmen, Amy. "Desperate to Receive COVID Care." *New York Times*, 22 June 2021, p. D1.

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General Websites

Website Written and Published by an Organization	*Title of Website.* **Publisher of Website, Date of Creation, URL of Website.** *Sharks.* Monterey Bay Aquarium, 2021, www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals /animals-a-to-z/sharks.
Webpage from a Government Website	*Title of Website.* **Name of Government Primary Agency, Publication Date, URL of Website.** *Monkeypox Signs and Symptoms.* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 7 Sept. 2022, www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html.

Blog Post/Webpage with author	**Author. "Title of Blog Post/Webpage."** *Blog/Website Name*, **Date of Post/Creation, URL of Blog/Website.**
	
	 Grunwald, Sarah. "Wine and Chinese Food: 7 Delicious Pairings." *Wine Folly*, 26
	
	      May 2020, winefolly.com/wine-pairing/wine-and-chinese-food-7-delicious-
	
	      pairings/.

YouTube Video (Author is also the Uploader of Video)	**Author/Uploader of Video. "Title of Video."** *YouTube,* **Date of Creation or Upload, URL of Website.** Monterey Jazz Festival. "2015 Next Generation Jazz Orchestra at MJF58." *YouTube,* 4 Nov. 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHZpON1hV44.

YouTube Video (Author is different than the Uploader of Video)	**Author of Video. "Title of Video." *YouTube,* uploaded by Uploader, Date of Creation or Upload, URL of Website.** Musk, Elon. "The Future We're Building and Boring." *YouTube,* uploaded by TED Talks, 3 May 2017, www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIwLWfaAg-8.
Tweet from Twitter Website	**Name [Twitter handle]. "Beginning of tweet." *Twitter*, date, URL of post.** President Biden [@POTUS]. "The future of the auto industry is electric. There's no turning back." *Twitter*, 5 Aug. 2021, twitter.com/POTUS/status/1423366481753133063.
Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)	**Citing AI is complex. Please refer to the handout _MLA Citations for Content Generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools_ for a detailed description.**

Government Publications

Print Government Document	*Title of Document: Subtitle*. **Edition if given and is not first edition, Name of Government Department, Agency or Committee, Publication Date.** *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*. Dept. of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 1977.
Online Government Document	**Name of National Government, Agency, Subdivision. *Title of Document: Subtitle*. Edition if given and is not first edition, Name of Government Department, Agency or Committee, Publication Date, URL.** United States, Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Agricultural Workers*. Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2022, www.bls.gov/ooh/farming-fishing-and-forestry/agricultural-workers.htm.

Personal Communication

Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers	**Last name, First name. Nation/Community. Treaty Territory, if applicable. City/Community they live in, if applicable. Topic/subject of communication, if applicable. Day Month Year.** Cardinal, Delores. Goodfish Lake Cree Nation. Treaty 6. Lives in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Oral teaching. 4 Apr. 2004. (If you would like to approach an Elder or Knowledge Keeper for teachings, remember to follow protocol or if you are unsure what their protocol is, please ask them ahead of time.)
Personal Interview	**Last Name, First Name of Interviewee. Personal interview. Date of interview.** Gutierrez, Michael. Personal interview. 15 Oct. 2022.

Email	Last Name, First Name of email Author. "Title of message." Received by First Name Last Name, date email sent.
	Panetta, Jimmy. "Affordable Housing on the Central Coast." Received by Juniper Clark, 15 Oct. 2022.

Citing Resources from Apps

Movie/Video Viewed in an App	*Movie Title.* **Director of movie. Studio, Year.** *App name* **app.**
	Harold and Maude. Directed by Hal Ashby. Paramount, 1971. *Netflix* app.
TV Show viewed in an App	**"Episode Title." Director of episode.** *TV Show Title***, season, episode, Studio, Broadcast Date.** *App name* **app.**
	"All Due Respect." Directed by Steve Shill. *The Wire*, season 3, episode 2, HBO, 26 Sept. 2004. *Amazon Prime Video* app.
Tweet from Twitter Mobile App	**Name [Twitter handle]. "Beginning of tweet."** *Twitter***, date.**
	Vindman, Alexander S. [@AVindman]. "A powerful story of doing the right thing…." *Twitter*, 5 Aug. 2021.

General Guidelines for the Whole Works Cited Page

1. Center the title **Works Cited***,* one inch from the top of the page.
2. Double space between the title and the first entry.
3. Each entry should begin flush with the left margin. If the entry is more than one line, indent the next line or lines one-half inch (or 5 spaces).
4. Make sure each individual citation is double spaced and that the entire works cited page is uniformly double spaced.
5. Alphabetize the list.
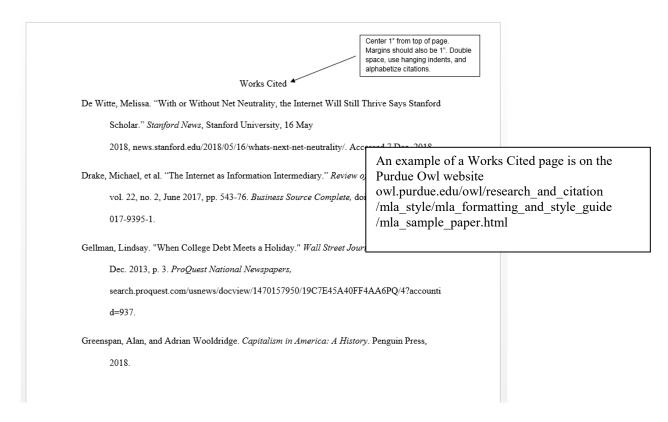
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1. Capitalize all significant words **except for** grammatical articles (a, an, the), prepositions and conjunctions. **Capitalize** grammatical articles, prepositions and conjunctions when they are the first word of a title or subtitle.
   Dates should be in MLA format as Day Month Year. All months are abbreviated except for May, June and July, which are spelled out. The abbreviations are: Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Example: 6/30/16 should be 30 June 2016. 10/3/16 should be 3 Oct. 2016
2. If there is a season in the date (summer, fall, winter, spring), those words are in lower case and listed before the year. Example: …vol. 5, no. 2, fall 2021,…
3. When listing authors only the very first author is last name, first name. Any person listed after the first person is first name last name.
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6. When including page numbers, put **pp.** before the page numbers listed. If you are listing just a single page number then just put a single **p.** before it.

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1. When citing a website include the URL/Web address of the webpage but **do not include 'http://'** or '**https://**'in the address (unless it is a doi number, then see #3 below)
2. When citing a **website** look for a date of creation for that page/work. If you do not see one, then look for a copyright date at the bottom of the page and use that. If there is no date, then do not include one and continue to the next part of component of your citation.
3. When citing a journal article from a database or a website, if a DOI number is included (a digital object identifier) then put the DOI at the end of your citation starting it with: https://doi.org/.....
4. When doing a citation, when putting a URL at the end, start it on the same line that the citation information ends (do not start the URL on a new line unless there is little room on the line above) and make a line break for the URL for the next line at a good spot

Guidelines for Citing Resources from Apps

1. When citing sources from apps, cite the information needed and add the app name at the end of the citation. See examples on the previous page.

Center 1" from top of page. Margins should also be 1". Double space, use hanging indents, and alphabetize citations.

Works Cited

De Witte, Melissa. "With or Without Net Neutrality, the Internet Will Still Thrive Says Stanford

    Scholar." *Stanford News*, Stanford University, 16 May

    2018, news.stanford.edu/2018/05/16/whats-next-net-neutrality/. Accessed 7 Dec. 2018.

Drake, Michael, et al. "The Internet as Information Intermediary." *Review of*

    vol. 22, no. 2, June 2017, pp. 543-76. *Business Source Complete*, doi

    017-9395-1.

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Gellman, Lindsay. "When College Debt Meets a Holiday." *Wall Street Journal*,

    Dec. 2013, p. 3. *ProQuest National Newspapers*,

    search.proquest.com/usnews/docview/1470157950/19C7E45A40FF4AA6PQ/4?accounti

    d=937.

Greenspan, Alan, and Adrian Wooldridge. *Capitalism in America: A History*. Penguin Press,

    2018.

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