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MLA Style Guide

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- On separate page, titled **Works Cited**, list entries alphabetically
- **Double space** entries; **indent** 2nd and subsequent lines of each entry **5 spaces**
- Capitalize the first, last and major words in the title and subtitle
- *Italicize the Title*. End with a period. Underline **if** handwriting
- Use *italics* for *Titles of Books and Journals*; "quotation marks" for titles of shorter works, poems & articles
- **PUNCTUATION and SPACING are CRITICAL!**
- Abbreviate all months except May, June, July

BOOKS in PRINT

Basic form: Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of the Book*. City of Publication:

Publisher, Date. Medium of Publication.

Wollcott, Mary. *The Middle Ages: A Study*. New York: Ohio UP, 2010. Print.

2-3 AUTHORS

Smith, Elena, James M. Whitaker, and Jonathan I. Harper. *History of Crime and Justice in the United States*. Austin: Texas UP, 2010. Print.

MORE than 3 AUTHORS

List only the first author, Last Name First, followed by **et al.** which is Latin for 'and others'

Uddike, James, et al. *Art and Literature*. Boston: Johns Hopkins UP, 2009. Print.

BOOK with an AUTHOR and an EDITOR

Basic rules:

- Author's name goes before title, last name first
- Editor's name goes after title, first name first
- Use Ed. or Eds. **before** name of editor or editors.

Example:

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *Collected Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne*. Ed. Thomas Murphy.

Chicago: Chicago UP, 2010. Print.

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BOOK with only an EDITOR LISTED on the TITLE PAGE

Basic rules:

- The editor's name goes before the title, last name first
- Use the abbreviation ed. or eds. after the name of the editor or editors

Fellows, Paul R., ed. *Understanding Depression*. Detroit: Gale, 2008. Print.

ESSAY, SHORT STORY, PLAY or POEM in a TEXTBOOK

Basic rules:

- Author's name goes before title, last name first
- Editor's name goes **after** title, first name first
- Use abbreviations Ed. or Eds. for editor or editors
- **Do not use** p., pgs. or pp. preceding page numbers
- Note later edition (2nd ed., Rev. ed., Abr. ed.) after name of editor

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Essay or Chapter." *Title of Book*. Ed. Editor's First

Name Last Name. City: Publisher, Year. Page numbers. Medium of Publication.

Orca, Gabriel. "Two Birds." *Literature: Reading, Reacting, Writing*. Eds.

Laurie Kirsznar and Stephen Mandell. 3rd ed. Boston: Heinle, 2004. 472-3. Print.

SPECIALIZED REFERENCE SOURCE: PRINT or WEB

Basic rules:

- For specialized reference works, give full publication information, omitting page numbers IF the work is arranged alphabetically
- When citing widely used references, do not give full publication information. If the article is signed, give the author's name first
- If the article is unsigned, give the title first
- Always include EDITION information (if stated) and the year of publication and the medium

Allen, Anita L. "Privacy in Health Care." *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*. Ed. Stephen G. Post. 3rd ed.

Vol. 4. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004. 17-25. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*.

Web. 20 July 2010.

"Japan." *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia*. 2004 ed. Print.

Smith, Edward. "Baseball." *Baseball Handbook*. 62nd ed. 2009. Print.

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MAGAZINE and SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLES in PRINT

Basic rules:

- **Journals:** include volume, issue and year: 13.2 (2009)
- There is no period after the periodical title

Basic journal form: Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume. Issue (Year): pages. Medium of Publication.

Jameston, Andrew. "Fibonacci Numbers." *Mathematics Journal* 4.2 (2003): 8-10. Print.

Kingston, Mary. "Brain Functionality." *Research and Methodology Journal* 1.3 (2001): 1-9. Print.

Basic magazine form: Author. "Title of Article." *Magazine Title* Date Information: Pages. Print.

- **NO** volume or issue numbers. Dates are written day month year, if given.

Taylor, Chris. "The History and the Hype." *Time* 18 Jan. 2004: 72-73. Print.

CHAPTER originally published in a BOOK or ARTICLE originally published in a JOURNAL in SHORT STORY CRITICISM

Basic rules:

- Original source is cited first. Use abbreviation Rpt. in for reprinted in
- Do **not** use p., pgs. or pp. preceding page numbers

Chapter in Book:

Mallon, Thomas. "The Great War." *Modernism Reconsidered*. Ed. Robert Kiely. Boston: Harvard UP, 1983. 202-208. Rpt. in *Short Story Criticism*. Ed. Jeff Hunter. Vol. 35. Detroit: Gale, 2000. 81-99. Print.

Article in Journal:

Tessler, Carol. "The Yellow Wallpaper." *Utopian Studies* 9.5 (2008): 1-9. Rpt. in *Short Story Criticism*. Ed. Janet May. Vol. 8. Detroit: Gale, 2009. 88-98. Print.

CQ RESEARCHER

Basic form: Author. "Title of Article." *CQ Researcher* Vol. Number (Date): Pages. Medium of Publication.

Lii, Ken. "Children Today." *CQ Researcher* 14.2 (2004): 1-24. Print.

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLE in PRINT

Basic rules:

- Abbreviate names of all months except May, June and July
- List edition (ed.), if indicated: late city ed., natl. ed., final ed.
- List date in following order: day month year (2 Jan. 2009)
- Use + sign to indicate that the story continues but not on next page
- List section, if given, followed by page
- Do not list volume and issue numbers for newspapers, even if given

Kolata, Gina. "Good or Useless, Medical Scans Cost the Same, and Are Booming."

New York Times 2 Mar. 2009, late ed.: A1+. Print.

eBOOKS on GOOGLE BOOK SEARCH and Ebook Databases

Basic form: Author. *Book Title*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date. *Online Database Name*. Web. Date Accessed.

Orwell, George. 1984. New York: Signet, 1949. *Ebrary*. Web. 21 December 2010.

Tan, Mary. *Asian Art*. Beijing: Asian Press, 1999. *Humanities E-Book*. Web. 22 July 2009.

White, Susan. *Korean History*. London: Oxford UP, 2005. *NetLibrary*. Web. 12 May 2010.

FILM, MOVIE, DVD, VIDEO

Basic rules:

- *Title of Film* is italicized
- **Director** (abbreviated as Dir.). **Performer** (abbreviated as Perf.)
- Other data (producer, screenwriter) may be inserted between *Title* and distributor
- In dubbed or subtitled films, use *English Title* followed by original [*Title*] in square brackets

Basic form: *Film Title*. Writer (optional). Dir. Perf. (optional). Original Year (if different than version cited). Distributor, Year. Medium.

Hamlet. Dir. Kenneth Branagh. Perf. Kenneth Branagh. 1996. Warner, 2007. DVD.

It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. 1946. Republic, 2001. DVD.

Like Water for Chocolate [*Como agua para chocolate*]. Screenplay by Laura Esquivel. Dir. Alfonso Arau. Perf. Lumi Cavazos, Marco Lombardi, and Regina Torne. Miramax, 1993. Film.

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ARTICLES in ELECTRONIC DATABASES

ARTICLE in an ONLINE DATABASE

Basic rule: Follow the form for a print journal article. If page numbers are not given, use n. pag. Replace the medium of publication **Print** with the following: **Web**.

- *Title of the database* is italicized. Medium of publication **Web**
- Date of access (day month year). If only year is given (2013)
- **IF** you are citing a .PDF document, include original page numbers
- If no pages are listed, use n. pag.

Basic Form: Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Publication* Volume. Issue (Date): Pages. *Title of Database*. Medium of Publication. Date of Access.

Armstrong, Lindsey. "Now or Never." *American Review of Comparative Literature* 6.1 (2007): n. pag. *Wilson Select*. Web. 5 June 2008.

NEWSPAPER or JOURNAL ARTICLE in ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE: review
Basic Rules for NEWSPAPER ARTICLE in PRINT

Ingraham, Stephen. "Potatoes of New England." *Agriculture Journal* 46.4 (2003): 20-30. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 2 May 2009.

Rich, Tom. "Oil." *New York Times* 30 May 2009: 9+. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 1 May 2010.

BOOK CHAPTER or JOURNAL ARTICLE in LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER

Feng, Tom. "Amy (Ruth) Tan." *American Novelists Since World War II: Fifth Series*. Ed. James R. Giles and Wanda H. Giles. Detroit: Gale Research, 1996. *Dictionary of Literary Biography* Vol. 173. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 26 July 2010.

Full, Peter. "Isak Dinesen." *Art Now* 9 (1978): 1-9. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 4 May 2010.

McLeod, Alan M. "Edgar Allan Poe." *Writers for Young Adults*. Ed. Ted Hipple. Vol. 3. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1997. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 27 July 2010.

ARTICLE in SCIENCEDIRECT

Smith, Tom. "Anxiety." *Psychology Archive* 30.2 (2010): 10-40. *ScienceDirect*. Web. 1 Feb. 2004.

ARTICLE in JSTOR

Habicht, Christian. "Cleopatra and the Ptolemies." *Classical Antiquity* 11.1 (2000): 60-90. *JSTOR*. Web. 25 July 2010.

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WEB DOCUMENTS

BOOKS and JOURNAL ARTICLES on the WEB

Basic rules: Follow the form for a print journal article but replace the medium of publication **Print** with the following:

- *Title of the database* (italicized)
- Medium of publication **Web**
- Date of access (day month year)

Example: Keats, John. *Poetical Works*. London: Macmillan, 1884. *Bartleby.com*. Web. 13 Mar. 2009.

INFORMATION POSTED on WEB SITES

Basic form (in this order).

- Last Name, First Name of the author, editor, or compiler of the work
- "Title" of part of the web site in quotation marks, if it has a name separate from the title of the site
- *Title of the Web Site* (italicized)
- Version or edition, if given
- Publisher or sponsor of the site followed by a comma, if none use n.p.
- Date the article was posted, if given, or use n.d.
- Medium of publication **Web**
- Date you accessed the site (day month year)

Frank, Rich. "Katrina and Oil." *NYTimes.com*. New York Times, 1 Aug. 2009. Web. 5 May 2010.

Gibbons, Sheila. "Candidates' Wives Trivialized by Press." *Women's Network*. Women's eNews, 27 July 2004. Web. 13 Mar. 2009.

Lupus, Don. "Over the Hill." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 19 Mar. 2009. Web. 15 May 2009.

ONLINE VIDEO, IMAGES, YOUTUBE, POWERPOINT

For an Image: Artist's Name. *Work of Art*. Date of creation. Medium of Art. Institution, City where work is housed. *Name of Website*. Medium of Publication. Date of Access.

Picasso, Paulo. *Guernica*. 1937. Painting. Museo Raina Sofia, Madrid. *CBC News*. Web. 24 July 2009.

For YouTube: Creator of video, if known. *Title of Video*. Date Published. *YouTube*. Web. Date of Access.

ITN News. *Royal Wedding Campers*. 28 April 2011. *YouTube*. Web. 29 April 2011.

For a Powerpoint: Author. *Title of Presentation*. Date. Institutional Affiliation. Powerpoint. Web. Date Accessed.

Sitko, Michael. *The Sun*. 2006. University of Cincinnati. Powerpoint. Web. 2 May 2010.