

Modern Library Association (MLA) Style for Citing Sources

When writing a report, you should cite the sources for quotations, facts that are not common knowledge, and ideas that are not your own. Sources can be cited by using *Internal Citations* along with a *Bibliography of Works Cited* section at the end of your paper/project.

Internal Citations: An internal citation appears in parentheses. It introduces the author's last name and the page number on which the information appears. The citation appears right before the period at the end of the sentence(s) in which you used the material. If several sentences in a row contain information from the same source, the citation only needs to appear at the end of the last sentence.

Example:

“The Duke of Lancaster in 1888... controlled more than 163,000 acres of British countryside” (Pool 163).

MLA recommends double spacing citations.

- If no author is given, start the citation with the title
- Abbreviate the names of all months, except May, June and July.
- Indent the second line and all other lines 5 spaces
- If publishing information is not given, use these abbreviations:

✓ No publisher or place given: n.p.

✓ No page numbers: n. pag.

✓ No date of publication given: n.d.

Printed Sources

Books:

<p>Books with one author</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First name 2. Title of Book 3. City of Publication 4. Name of Publisher 5. Copyright date 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jastrow, Robert. <u>Journey to the Stars. Space Exploration</u>. New York: Bantam, 1989 ○ English, Carol. <u>The Cliffs Won't Do: Read the Book</u>. Philadelphia: McGraw Hill, 1997
<p>Books with two authors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In alphabetical order: Last name, First name of first author, and first and last name of second author 2. Title of Book 3. City of Publication 4. Name of Publisher 5. Copyright date 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drucker, Darla, and Amy Jones. <u>How to Survive Your Wedding</u>. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1977 ○ Chapman, Clark, and David Morris. <u>Cosmic Catastrophes</u>. New York: Plenum, 1989
<p>Books with three or more authors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First author's Last and First name, et al. 2. Title of Book 3. City of Publication 4. Name of Publisher 5. Copyright date 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gilman, Sander, et al. <u>Hysteria Beyond Freud</u>. Berkeley: University of California, 1998 ○ Simpson, Homer, et al. <u>Cartoon Life is a Drag</u>. Los Angeles: Warner Bros., 2004
<p>Corporate Author</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of Organization (Corporate) 2. Title of Book 3. Name of Editor 4. City of Publication 5. Name of Publisher 6. Copyright date 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American Medical Association. The American Medical <u>Association Encyclopedia of Medicine</u>. Ed. Charles B. Clayman. New York: Random, 1989 ○ Springfield Township Home Economics Department. <u>Cooking with Spice</u>. New York: Scribners, 1993

<p>Editor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Editor's last and first name, followed by the abbreviation Ed. or if more than one editor follow the guidelines for two authors, and follow with eds. 2. Title of book 3. City of Publication 4. Name of Publisher 5. Copyright year 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Polking, Kirk, Joan Bloss, and Colleen Cannon, eds. <u>Writer's Encyclopedia</u>. Cincinnati: Writer's Digest, 1993 ○ Valenza, Joyce ed. <u>Bagles and Books: An Anthology</u>. Brooklyn: Random House, 1991
<p>Work in Anthology</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First name 2. Title of work (article, short story, poem etc) in quotation marks 3. Translator (if it applies) 4. Title of book 5. Editor (if it applies) 6. City of Publication 7. Name of Publisher 8. Copyright year 9. Page number where the work is placed in the Anthology 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allende, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden. <u>A Hammock Beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America</u>. Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88 ○ Smith, James. "The Physics of Sushi." <u>The Fabulous Physics Paper</u>. Ed. Samuel Klein. Rome: Cambridge UP, 1854. 46-59.
<p>Edition Other than First</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Title of Book 3. Edition 4. City of Publication 5. Name of Publisher 6. Copyright year 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bondanella, Peter. Italian Cinema From Neorealism to the Present. 3rd ed. New York: Continuum, 2001 ○ Thompson, Janice, Melinda Manore. Nutrition: An Applied Approach. 2nd ed. San Francisco: Pearson/Benjamin Cummings, 2009
<p>Critical Analysis, Signed Excerpt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Title of work 3. Title of Publication 4. Name of Editor 5. Volume Number 6. Page Numbers Where the Work is placed in Publication 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ross, Stephan S. "Tom Wolfe." <u>Contemporary Literary Criticism</u>. Ed. Daniel G. Marowski. 35: 458-460

<p>Signed Article – In Reference Book</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author’s Last and First Name 2. Title of Article 3. Title of Reference Book 4. Edition 5. Year of Publication (or year with ed after if not know which edition) 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copaset, Sandra. “Zen and the Art of Wearing Blue and Khaki.” <u>Encyclopedia Americana</u>. 1996 ed.
<p>Unsigned Article–In Reference Book</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of Article 2. Title of Reference Book 3. Edition 4. Year of Publication (or year with ed after if not know which edition) 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Best Beards of all time.” <u>Encyclopedia of Anatomy and Hair</u>. 15th ed. 1993

Magazines, Journals and Periodicals:

<p>Article in Journal with Continuous Pagination</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author’s Last and First Name 2. Title of Article 3. Title of Journal 4. Volume (if it applies) 5. Year of publication 6. Page numbers where the work is placed in publication 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skater, Andrew. “Rollerblading on a Secondary Level.” <u>Secondary Education</u> 54(1990) 113-25
<p>Article from Monthly or Bi-Monthly Periodical</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author’s Last and First Name 2. Title of Article 3. Name of Periodical 4. Publication date 5. Year of Publication 6. Page numbers where the work is placed in publication 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ramsey, Pamela. “Where’s My Smiley Face?” <u>MacWorld</u> Sept. 1997: 86-94

<p>Article from Weekly or Biweekly Periodical</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Title of Article 3. Name of Periodical 4. Date of Publication 5. Page numbers where the work is placed in publication 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Henry, Mary Ann. "Announcing Bus Changes With Flair." <u>Time</u> 4 July 1991: 17-76
<p>Article from Weekly or Biweekly Periodical - No Author Given</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of Articles 2. Name of Publication 3. Date of Publication 4. Page numbers where the work is placed in publication 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Active Traveler Dictionary." <u>Outside</u> July 1997: 149-157.

Newspapers:

<p>Signed Article</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Title of Article 3. Name of Newspaper 4. Date of Publication 5. Placement of article in newspaper 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goldberg, Grace. "The Inside Track: Alumni Life." <u>Trojan Times</u> 10 Oct. 1991: 17.
<p>Unsigned Article</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of Article 2. Name of Newspaper 3. Date of Publication 4. Placement of article in newspaper 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Striking a Pose with Sally Miles." <u>New York Times</u> 15 Oct. 1997, sec. 1, 35.
<p>Letter to the Editor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Letter 3. Name of Newspaper 4. Date of Publication 5. Placement of letter in newspaper 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DeGuiseppe, Peter L. Letter. <u>The Philadelphia Inquirer</u> 25 August 2003: A10

Nonprint Sources

CD ROM:

<p>Non-Periodical (encyclopedias, etc):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name (if given) 2. Title of Part of Work 3. Title of Product. 4. Edition or Release (if relevant) 5. Publication Medium CD-ROM 6. City of Publication 7. Publisher 8. Year of Publication 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wallechinsky, David.. "Olympic Games." <u>Encyclopedia Encarta</u>. CD ROM. Redmond, WA: Microsoft, 2004
<p>CD ROM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of CD ROM 2. Edition 3. Media. Here: CD ROM 4. City of Publication 5. Name of Publisher 6. Copyright Year 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>The Oxford English Dictionary</u>. 2nd ed. ED-ROM. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1993
<p>CD-ROM Periodical</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name (if available) 2. Title of article 3. Title of Journal or Newspaper 4. Publication information for printed source 5. Title of Database 6. Publication medium CD-ROM 7. Name of Vendor (if relevant) 8. Electronic publication date 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nethead, Jane. "Email Rules." <u>New York Times</u> 15 Novmeber 1995, late ed.: B3. <u>New York Times Ondisc</u>. CD-ROM. UMI-Proquest. Jan. 1996

Online Sources:

<p>World Wide Web (General Web site):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author (if known) 2. Title of Page or Document 3. Title of the Site or Larger Work (if applicable) 4. Date of electronic publication, last update, or date of posting 5. Name of any Associated Institution 6. Date of download 7. URL 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smith, George. "Science and the World Wide Web." 8 June 1999. <u>Southville High School Website</u>. 3 Oct. 2000. <http://www.fred.net/nhhs/html3/article3.htm> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smith, George. "Graf Has Look of a Champion." <u>ESPN SportsZone</u>. 29 Aug. 1996. <http://www.espn.com/gen/top/0108716001.html>.
<p>Article in online encyclopedia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Title of Article 3. Title of Reference Work 4. Edition or Version (if available) 5. Date of Electronic Publication 6. Title of Database or Online Service 7. Name of Providing Library, Consortium or Library System (if appropriate) 8. Date Accessed 9. URL 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cook, Sarah Gibbard. "Berlin, Germany." <u>Encyclopedia Americana Online</u>. Springfield Township HS Library. Mar. 1997. <i>Grolier Online</i>. 29 Feb. 1999. <http://grolier.go.com>.
<p>Article in online magazine (not through a subscription service)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Title of Article 3. Title of Magazine 4. Date of Electronic Publication 5. Date of Access 6. URL 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smith, Jane. "Who Really Invented the Internet?" <u>Web Weekly</u> 26 Feb 2001. 4 May 2001. <http://webweekly.com/smithwho/>

<p>Email</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sender's Last and First Name 2. Subject Line From Posting 3. Day Month Year of Posting 4. Personal e-mail. (Or email to recipient's Name) 5. Day Month Year of Access 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smith, William. "Trial results." 12 Jan. 1999. E-mail to Henry. 29 May 1999
<p>Listserv</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name (if given) 2. Subject of Message 3. Date of Posting 4. Online Posting 5. Name of Discussion List 6. Access date 7. URL or email address of the list 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Williams, Jim. "Computer to T.V. Screen." 6 August 1995. Online posting. Global Technology Discussion Group. 21 Nov. 1999. <http://www.gtdg.org> or <listserv@citation.edu>
<p>Online Chat or Synchronous Communication</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of Speaker (if available) 2. Description of Event 3. Date of Session or Event 4. Forum of the communication 5. Date of access 6. Web or network address 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yente, Ima. "Online discussion of future fuels." 24 Oct. 1997. EnviornMOO. 28 June 2000 <telnet://IRC@envirosite.edu>
<p>Blog Entry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Author's Last and First Name 2. Title of individual blog entry. 3. Weblog entry. 4. Name of Weblog 5. Sponsoring organization if any 6. Date posted 7. URL 8. Date Accessed 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Valenza, Joyce K. "Citing a Blog Entry in MLA Style." [Weblog entry.] Neverending Seach. Springfield Township High School. 10 Jan. 2007. (http://joycevalenza.edublogs.org/p/ermalink06). Jan. 2007

<p>Online Images</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Artist (if available) 2. Description or Title of Image. 3. Online image. 4. Date of image 5. Title of Larger Site 6. Name of Providing Library, Consortium or Library System (if appropriate) 7. Name of organization (if appropriate) 8. Date of download 9. URL 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weaver, Bruce. "Challenger Explosion." Online image. 28 Jan 1986. <u>AP Photo Archive</u>. ACCESS PA. 30 Jan. 1999. <http://accuweather.ap.org/cgi-bin/aplaunch.pl>
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Other Sources:

<p>Personal Interview</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last and First Name of Person Interviewed 2. Personal Interview 3. Day, Month, and Year of Interview 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smith, John. Personal interview. 23 Sept. 2003
<p>Interview broadcast on TV or Radio</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last and First Name of Person Interviewed 2. Interview with, Name of Interviewer 3. Name of Show/Program 4. TV Channel or Radio Station 5. City 6. Day, Month, and Year of Interview 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wiesel, Elie. Interview with Ted Koppel. <u>Nighttime</u>. ABC. WABC. New York: 18 Apr. 2002
<p>Films and Radio and Television Programs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of Program 2. Name of Narrator or Producer (if applicable) 3. Name of Series (if applicable) 4. Produced by (if applicable) 5. Radio Station or TV Channel (if applicable) 6. Name of Publisher 7. City 8. Date 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Starring the other Peggy Lee." <u>Slightly Off Broadway-The Series</u>. Prod. Sheldon Wang. PBS. WNET, New York. 6 Aug. 1995 ○ "Yes... but Is It Art?" Narr. Morley Safer. <u>Sixty Minutes</u>. CBS. WCBS, New York. 19 Sept. 1993.

<p>Video Cassette, DVD, Slides</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of Video, DVD or Slide Show 2. Dir. Name of Director 3. Name of Actors, if applicable 4. Original Year of Production 5. Medium (Video cassette, DVD, Slides) 6. Production Company 7. Year 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>It's a Wonderful Life</u>. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. 1946. DVD. Republic, 2001 ○ <u>Making Creative Bookcovers</u>. Dir. Tom Martin. Videocassette. Clemens, 1997.
<p>Personal Photograph</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin with a description of the photo 2. Do not use Italics or quotation marks 3. Do not underline 4. Indicate who took the photo 5. Date photo was taken 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susan Smith at band practice. Personal photograph by George Jones. 25 August 2003
<p>Photograph from a museum or collection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photographer's Last and First Name 2. Title of work 3. Date work was created 4. Repository, Museum, or Owner 5. City or County of Origin 	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evans, Walker. <u>Penny Picture Display</u>. 1936. Museum of Mod. Art, New York.