



ESCC's MLA Style Guide

Introduction

Most English and humanities instructors require students to use the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (8th edition)* to document the variety of sources they use in writing research papers. Use this guide to help with your in-text citations and your Works Cited pages. The LRC staff also will provide assistance. MLA uses one standard, universal format that researchers can use to create their citations.

Template for the Work Cited Entry:

Author. Title of Source. Title of Container, Other Contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication Date, Location.

Helpful Hints for [Formatting Your Paper](#):

- Identify Yourself - your name, instructor, course title, and date at left margin, on separate lines on first page
- Pagination – last name and page number in upper right corner, 1/2" below top, on every page
- Title & Headings – title centered on first page, headings not used
- Margins & Spacing – 1" all around, double-space, no extra spaces between titles or paragraphs
- Indentation – five spaces at beginning of paragraphs

Helpful Hints for [Works Cited Pages](#):

- Begin your Works Cited page on a separate page at the end of your research paper. It should have the same one-inch margins and last name, page number header as the rest of your paper.
- Label the page Works Cited (do not italicize the words Works Cited or put them in quotation marks) and center the words Works Cited at the top of the page.
- Double space all citations, but do not skip spaces between entries.
- Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations by 0.5 inches to create a hanging indent.
- List page numbers of sources efficiently, when needed. If you refer to a journal article that appeared on pages 225 through 250, list the page numbers on your Works Cited page as 225-50. Note that MLA style uses a hyphen in a span of pages.
- If you're citing an article or a publication that was originally issued in print form but that you retrieved from an online database, you should type the online database name in italics. You do not need to provide subscription information in addition to the database name.

PRINTED SOURCES

One Author

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.

Example:

Carlson, Kim. *Green Your Work: Boost Your Bottom Line While Reducing Your Carbon Footprint*. Adams Business, 2009.

Two Authors

Last Name, First Name and First Name Last Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.

Example:

Angelo, Thomas A., and K. Patricia Cross. *Classroom Assessment Techniques: A Handbook for College Teachers*. 2nd ed., Jossey-Bass, 1993.

Three or More Authors

Last Name, First Name, et al. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.

Example:

Wysocki, Anne Frances, et al. *Writing New Media: Theory and Applications for Expanding the Teaching of Composition*. Utah State UP, 2004.

Corporate Author

Corporate Author*. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.

Example:

American Allergy Association. *Allergies in Children*. Random House, 1998.

*may include a commission, a committee, a government agency, or a group that does not identify individual members on the title page.

Book with an Author AND Editor or Translator

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Edited by. Publisher, Publication Date.

Example:

Bernstein, Aaron. *Sustaining Life: How Human Health Depends on Biodiversity*. Edited by Eric Chivian. Oxford UP, 2008.

A Work in an Anthology, Reference, or Collection

Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*, edited by Editor's Name(s), Publisher, Year, Page range of entry.

Example:

Harris, Muriel. "Talk to Me: Engaging Reluctant Writers." *A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writers One to One*, edited by Ben Rafoth, Heinemann, 2000, pp. 24-34.

Article in a Periodical

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical*, Day Month Year, pages.

Magazine Example:

Cullen, Lisa Takeuchi. "Take Your Planet to Work." *Time*, 18 June 2007, pp. 37-39.

Newspaper Example:

Brubaker, Bill. "New Health Center Targets County's Uninsured Patients." *Washington Post*, 24 May 2007, p. LZ01.

The Bible

"*The Bible*". Version used, Edition, Editor's name (if given), Publisher, Year.

Example:

The Bible. The New Oxford Annotated Version, 3rd ed., Oxford UP, 2001.

Personal Interview

Personal interviews refer to those interviews that you conduct yourself. List the interview by the name of the interviewee. Include the descriptor Personal interview and the date of the interview.

Example: Smith, Jane. Personal interview. 19 May 2014.

ONLINE SOURCES

Electronic Book

Author(s). "Title of the chapter or section." (if applicable) *Title of the e-book*, translated by or edited by First name Last name, vol. number, Publisher, Year of publication, page number(s). *Title of the web site or database*, URL.

Example of entire ebook:

Schmandt, Jurgen, et al. *The Impact of Global Warming on Texas*. 2nd ed, University of Texas Press, 2011, *EBook Collection*, ezproxy.vccs.edu:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=377386&site=ehost-live.

Example of a section of an ebook:

Poe, Edgar Allan. "The Gold Bug." *Short Stories for English Courses*, Edited by Rosa M.R. Mikels, 2004. *Project Gutenberg*, www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/5403/pg5403-images.html.

Online Article from a Database

Author(s), "Article Title." *Title of Publication*, Volume, Issue Number, Year of Publication, Page Range, URL, DOI, or permalink.

Journal Article Example:

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *Historical Journal*, vol. 50, no. 1, 2007, pp. 173-96. *ProQuest*, doi:10.1017/S0018246X06005966.

Magazine Article Example:

Richard, Andrew. "Print, Digital, and What Really Matters...:New Surveys Raise Questions about Americans' Book-Reading Habits." *Publisher's Weekly*, vol. 263, no. 38, 19 Sept. 2016, p. 24. *Popular Magazines*, go.galegroup.com.i.ezproxy.nypl.org/ps/i.do?

Newspaper Article Example:

Pelley, Lauren. "Toronto Public Library Opens its 100th Branch." *Toronto Star*, 21 May 2015. *NewspaperSource*, search.ebscohost.com.i.ezproxy.nypl.org/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=cookie,ip,url,cpid&custid=nypl&db=nfh&AN=6FPTS2015052133436501&site=ehost-live.

Article from a Web Site with Author or Editor

Author or Editor (if available). *Name of Site*. Sponsor or Publisher, date of resource creation (if available), URL, DOI or permalink. Date of access (if applicable).

Unknown Author/Editor Example:

"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." *WebMD*, 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview.

Known Author/Editor Example:

Lundman, Susan. "How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow*, www.ehow.com/how_10727_make-vegetarian-chili.html. Accessed 6 July 2015.

Online Image

Creator's Last name, First name. "Title of the digital image." *Title of the website*, First name Last name of any contributors, Version (if applicable), Number (if applicable), Publisher, Publication date, URL.

Example:

Adams, Clifton R. "People relax beside a swimming pool at a country estate near Phoenix, Arizona, 1928." *Found*, National Geographic Creative, 2 June 2016, natgeofound.tumblr.com/.

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