

MLA Citation Guide for Common Sources

I. PRINTED SOURCES

Books

- ✓ The author's name or a book with a single author's name appears in last name, first name format.

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

Gleick, James. *Chaos: Making a New Science*. New York: Penguin, 1987. Print.

Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. *The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Boston: Allyn, 2000. Print.

A Work in Anthology, Reference, or Collection

- ✓ Works may include an essay in an edited or anthology, or a chapter of a book.

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor's Name(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page range of entry. Medium of Publication.

Harris, Muriel. "Talk to Me: Engaging Reluctant Writers." *A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writers One to One*. Ed. Ben Rafoth. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2000. 24-34. Print.

Article in a Reference Book (e.g. Encyclopedias, Dictionaries)

"Entry Name." *Title of Reference Book*. Edition. Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

"Ideology." *The American Heritage Dictionary*. 3rd ed. 1997. Print.

Poem or Short Story Example:

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Poem." *Title of Collectio*. Editor(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page range of entry. Medium of Publication.

Kincaid, Jamaica. "Girl." *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Short Stories*. Ed. Tobias Wolff. New York: Vintage, 1994. 306-07. Print.

Pamphlet, Brochure, or Bulletin:

Lastname, Firstname. *Title*. Place of Publication. Publisher, Date of publication (n.d. for no date given). Medium of publication.

Your Rights Under California Welfare Programs. Sacramento, CA: California Dept. of Social Services, 2007. Print.

II. ELECTRONIC SOURCES (WEB PUBLICATIONS)

Citing an Entire Web Site

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site*. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

- ✓ Remember to use *n.p.* if no publisher name is available and *n.d.* if no publishing date is given.

Felluga, Dino. *Guide to Literary and Critical Theory*. Purdue U, 28 Nov. 2003. Web. 10 May 2006.

A Page on a Web Site

"Title of Web Page." *Name of Website*. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), Date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

"How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow.com*. eHow, n.d. Web. 24 Feb. 2009.

Article in an Online Reference Web Site (e.g. Encyclopedias, Dictionaries)

"Entry Name." *Name of Reference Site*. Date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

An Image (Including a Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph)

Lastname, Firstname. *The Work of Art*. Date of creation. Institution and City where work is housed. *Name of Website*. Medium of Publication. Date of access.

Klee, Paul. *Twittering Machine*. 1922. Museum of Modern Art, New York. *The Artchive*. Web. 22 May 2006.

An Article in a Web Magazine

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." *Title of Online Publication*. Publisher Name (if available), Publication Date (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*. A List Apart Mag., 16 Aug. 2002. Web. 4 May 2009.

An Article in an Online Scholarly Journal

For all online scholarly journals, provide the author(s) name(s), the name of the article in quotation marks, the title of the publication in italics, all volume and issue numbers, and the year of publication. Use page range for articles that appear in Scholarly Journals.

- ✓ Use the abbreviation "n. pag." to denote that there is no pagination for the publication if article does not make use of page numbers. (continued...)

Web only:

Dolby, Nadine. "Research in Youth Culture and Policy: Current Conditions and Future Directions." *Social Work and Society: The International Online-Only Journal* 6.2 (2008): n. pag. Web. 20 May 2009.

Web and print article in Scholarly Journal:

Wheelis, Mark. "Investigating Disease Outbreaks Under a Protocol to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention." *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 6.6 (2000): 595-600. Web. 8 Feb. 2009.

An Article from an Online Database Example:

Lastname, Firstname. "Article Title." *Publication*. Date of publication: Page range. *Title of the Database*. Medium of publication. Date of access.

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *Historical Journal* 50.1 (2007): 173-96. *ProQuest*. Web. 27 May 2009.

III. OTHER COMMON SOURCES**A Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph**

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of the Artwork*. Date of composition (if unknown n.d.). Name of the institution that houses the artwork, Location of the institution.

Goya, Francisco. *The Family of Charles IV*. 1800. Museo del Prado, Madrid.

- ✓ For photographic reproductions of artwork (e.g. images of artwork in a book), cite the bibliographic information as above followed by the information for the source in which the photograph appears, including page or reference numbers (plate, figure, etc.).

Goya, Francisco. *The Family of Charles IV*. 1800. Museo del Prado, Madrid. *Gardener's Art Through the Ages*. 10th ed. By Richard G. Tansey and Fred S. Kleiner. Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace. 939. Print.

Sound Recordings:

- ✓ Put individual song titles in quotation marks. Album names are italicized. Provide the name of the recording manufacturer followed by the publication date (or n.d., if date is unknown). List the appropriate medium at the end of the entry (e.g. CD, LP, Audiocassette, MP3).

Album:

Foo Fighters. *In Your Honor*. RCA, 2005. CD.

Song:

Nirvana. "Smells Like Teen Spirit." *Nevermind*. Geffen, 1991. Audiocassette.

Digital File:

Beethoven, Ludwig van. *Moonlight Sonata*. Crownstar, 2006. MP3.

Films or Movies

- ✓ List films (in theaters or not yet on DVD or video) by their title. Include the name of the director, the film studio or distributor, and the release year. If relevant, list performer names after the director's name. Use the abbreviation perf. to head the list. List film as the medium of publication. To cite a DVD or other video recording, see "Recorded Films and Movies" below.

The Usual Suspects. Dir. Bryan Singer. Perf. Kevin Spacey, Gabriel Byrne, Chazz Palminteri, Stephen Baldwin, and Benecio del Toro. Polygram, 1995. Film.

To emphasize specific performers (perf.) or directors (dir.), begin the citation with the name of the desired performer or director, followed by the appropriate abbreviation:

Lucas, George, dir. *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope*. Twentieth Century Fox, 1977. Film.

Personal Interviews

- ✓ 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.

Purdue, Pete. Personal Interview. 1 Dec. 2000.

Online-only Published Interviews

- ✓ Note: If the interview from which you quote does not feature a title, add the descriptor Interview (unformatted) after the interviewee's name. You may also use the descriptor Interview by to add the name of the interview to the entry if it is relevant to your paper.

Zinkievich, Craig. Interview by Gareth Von Kallenbach. *Skewed & Reviewed*. Skewed & Reviewed, 2009. Web. 15 Mar. 2009

Internet Video (Youtube, Hulu, etc.)

- ✓ For videos, provide the author only if you are sure that person created the video. Do not list the person posting the video online as the author. If you are unsure, treat the citation as having no author.

Director (Last name, first name, dir.). "Title of post." <i>Title of website</i> . Date of release. Publication medium. Date of access.

PivotMasterDX, dir. "Bounce!" *YouTube*. 14 June 2008. Web. 21 June 2008.

Advertisement

- ✓ List the company, business, or organization: the publication, broadcast network, or Web address where the advertisement appeared.

Company name. Advertisement. Publication or Company. Date of publication: Page number (if available).

Staples. Advertisement. CBS. 3 Dec. 2000.