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**PRINT SOURCES**

**Book by one author**

Author Last name, First name. *Title of Book: Subtitle.* City of publication: Publisher, Year. Print.


**Book by two or three authors**

Author Last name, First name and First name Last name. *Title of Book: Subtitle.* City of publication: Publisher, Year. Print.


**Book with an editor**

Editor’s Last name, First name, ed. *Title of book: Subtitle.* City of publication: Publisher, Year. Print.


**Encyclopedia (or Dictionary) article**

Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Encyclopedia (or Dictionary).* edition. Year. Print.


**Part of a book: poem, essay, story, chapter, etc.**

Author Last name, First name. "Title of Part." *Title of Book: Subtitle.* City of publication: Publisher, Year. Page numbers. Print.


**Part of a book with no author or editor**

“Title of Part Used.” *Title of Book: Subtitle.* City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page numbers. Print.

**Government publication**

Government.  *Title of Publication: Subtitle*. City of publication: Publisher, Year. Print.


**Magazine article**

Author Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Day Month Year (of issue): Pages. Print.


**Newspaper article**

Author Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Name of Newspaper* Day Month Year (of issue), edition: Section Pages. Print.


**Scholarly journal article**


**MEDIA**

**Film DVD or video**

*Title: Subtitle*. Creative credits (writer, director, producer, performers, etc.). Distributor. Date of release. Format (DVD or Video or Film)


**Interview you conducted**

Last name, First name of person interviewed. Kind of interview. Date of interview.


**Sound recording**

Composer, conductor or performer name. “Title of Specific Piece.” *Title of the Recording*. Manufacturer name, date. Format (MP3 file or CD or LP etc.)

LIBRARY DATABASES

Most online subscription services (databases) provide the MLA (and APA) citations already formatted. These are usually found at the end of an article, or through a citation link provided somewhere on the text page. For databases that DO NOT provide the citation, please follow this general example.

E.g -- Lexis Nexis Academic
Author Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper Day Month Year (of issue): Page range. (use n. pag. for not pagination). Name of Database. Web. Date of access.


INTERNET WEBSITES

Generic format for a Web-based article or a Web page

1. Author Last name, First name.
   (Also use for: compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator of the work.)
2. Title of the work. (Italicized if the work is independent; in roman type and quotation marks if the work is part of a larger work).
3. Title of the overall Web site. (Italicized), if distinct from #2 above.
4. Version or edition used. (if available.)
5. Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use n.p.
6. Date of the publication. (day, month, and year, as available); if nothing is available, use n.d.
7. Medium of publication. (Web)
8. Date of access. (day, month, and year)
9. <Enclose the URL in angle brackets>. Inclusion of URL is optional.

Some examples:


Format for Online Sources with a Print Equivalent

Online Book

Author Last name, First name. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Database or Website. Web. Date of access (Day Month Year).


Journal Article

Author Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Journal Title Vol. number. Issue number (Year):Page range (use n.pag. for no pagination). Web. Date of access. <Complete URL>. (URL is optional)


Magazine or Newspaper Article

Author Last name, First name. (if available) "Title of Article." Title of Magazine, Date of publication. Web. Date of access. <Complete URL>. (URL is optional)


Remember:

• Many electronic resources do not supply all the information for a full citation. In such cases, cite the information that is available. URLs are now optional.

In-Text Citation (Parenthetical Acknowledgement)

The MLA documentation system eliminates the need for footnotes by using parenthetical acknowledgements in the body of the paper. These brief citations refer the reader to the complete citation found on the "Works Cited" page at the end of a report or research paper.

The in-text citation is placed in the body of the paper following the specific part of the text to which it applies. If the citation comes at the end of a sentence, it is placed before the period.

The in-text citation usually consists of the author's last name and a page reference enclosed in parentheses. If there is no author, provide the first words of the title.

e.g. In-text citation

By the end of the Middle Ages, wealthy families, such as the Medici in Florence, were the most influential art patrons (Stokstad 620).

e.g. Complete citation for the Works cited