

MLA Style

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MLA stands for **Modern Language Association**.

What: It is a system for standardizing certain types of information for documentation.

Where: MLA in-text (or parenthetical) citations are used in the body of your paper. However, the MLA system also has a standard way of constructing the Works Cited page (or bibliography) at the end of the paper.

References are composed of *elements*. These are author, title, publication information, and Internet access information, if appropriate. Each element is followed by a period.

Here are a few MLA rules:

Authors. Authors listed in *Works Cited* are arranged alphabetically according to the author’s last name. If there are two or more authors, the first author’s name appears first according to his or her alphabetized last name. All other names follow in their normal order.

Titles (Parts). Articles and chapters are parts of works or volumes. Titles of parts of works are capitalized and placed in quotes: “The Title of a Journal Article.”

Titles (Volumes). Titles of books or the names of journals are capitalized and underlined or placed in italics: The Title of a Book or Journal, *The Name of a Journal or Title of a Book*. Italicize or underline, but you can’t do both.

Publication Information (Books). The place of publication appears first, followed by the name of the publisher, followed by the year. New York: Artless Press. 1999.

Publication Information (Periodicals). The title or name of the journal is sufficient. There is no publisher information necessary. This is followed by the publication information in the form: volume (date): page.

Internet Access. The date that a source is accessed must be included. It is then followed by the URL (uniform resource locator) enclosed in angle brackets.

Some information has been adapted from the following sources: HCPSS Office of Media and Technology and <http://docstyles.com/m्लाquick.htm#Rules>

MLA Bibliography Format

Reminders:

You must write all information exactly as shown!

You must use all punctuation exactly as shown!

The second line must be indented!

Article in a magazine or newspaper

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of magazine*. Day month
year: pages.

Isaacson, Walter. "After Williamsburg." *Time*. 13 June 1983: 12-14.

Article from an online magazine

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of magazine*. date of publication.
date of access <URL network address>.

Bremner, Brian. "Japan Takes the First Step to Recovery." *Business Week*. 10 Oct. 2003.
5 Sept. 2003 <http://www.businessweek.com/bwdialy.htm>.

Book by a single author

Author's last name, first name. *Title of book*. City of publication: publisher, year of
copyright.

Hemingway, Ernest. *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons,
1940.

Book by two authors

Author #1 last name, first name, and author #2 first name, last name. *Title of book*.
City of publication: publisher, year of copyright.

Winkler, Anthony C., and Jo Ray McCuen. *Writing Research Papers: A Handbook*. 2nd
ed. Washington: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985.

Book with an editor

Editor's last name, first name, ed. *Title of book*. City of publication: publisher, year of
copyright.

Miller, James, ed. *The United States in Literature*. Oakland: Scott, Foresman and
Company, 1981.

CD-Rom Encyclopedia:

Author's last name, first. "Title of article." *Title of online encyclopedia*. CD-ROM.
version or edition. City of publication: publisher, year of copyright.

Garrison, David L. "Marine Biology." *2001 World Book*. CD-ROM. Version 5.0.
New York: World Book, 2001.

Chapter, poem, or title section in a book

Author's last name, first name. "Title of chapter, poem, or title section." *Title of book*. City of publication: publisher, year of copyright. Pages
Carbin, Charles. "Exercise and Fat Control." *Fitness for Life*. Oakland: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1979. 62-77.

Diagrams – Maps, charts, etc.

Title of Diagram. Type of Diagram. City: Publisher, year.
Washington, D.C. Map. Chicago: Rand, 1999.

Encyclopedia Entry

"Title of entry." *Title of encyclopedia*. Vol. number, year of edition, page number(s).
"Nutrition." *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Vol. 25, 2003, 49-74.

Film or Video

Director's last name, first name, dir. *Title of Film or video*. With lead actors. Name of Studio, date of release.
Ross, Herbert, dir. *The Turning Point*. With Ann Bancroft, Shirley MacLaine, Miklail Baryshnikov, and Leslie Brown. Twentieth Century-Fox, 1978.

Interview, published or recorded

Last name, first name of person interviewed. Interview. *Name of show where interview was conducted or publication where interview was printed*. Place interview was conducted. Date of interview.
Gordon, Suzanne. Interview. *All Things Considered*. National Public Radio. WNYC, New York. 1 June 2000.

Interview, personally conducted

Last name, first name of person interviewed. Personal Interview. Date of interview.
Moon, Mary. Personal Interview. 22 October 2002.

Web site

Last name, first name of author (if available). "Title of document." *Title of site*. Date of publication. Publisher. Date of access <URL network address>.
"Fresco Painting." *Encyclopedia Britannica Online*. 2002. Encyclopedia Britannica. 8 May 2002 <http://search.eb.com/>>.