



MLA Citation Format

For Books, Articles, Web Sites, Films, Images and Other Media

A Resnick Library Information Guide

The purpose of citing sources is to refer readers to the material you are using, and to avoid misrepresenting others' work as your own. This guide outlines the style recommended by the Modern Language Association (MLA) for the List of Works Cited in research papers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Gibaldi, Joseph. The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed. New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2003. (REF LB2369 .G53)

See also the Resnick Web site at < <http://www.delhi.edu/library> > for online guides to MLA documentation and the latest suggestions for documenting online sources.



BOOKS - Print and Electronic

Format:

Author. Book Title. City of publication: Publishing company, year of publication.

Examples:

Book with three or fewer authors:

Szatmary, David P. Rockin' In Time: A Social History of Rock-And-Roll. Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Prentice Hall, 2000.

If four or more authors, list the first author's name, followed by comma and the words et.al. ("and others").

Book with Editor, Translator or Compiler

Smith, Andrew F. ed. The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.

Book by a corporate author:

Boston Women's Health Book Collective. Our Bodies, Ourselves: A New Edition for A New Era. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005.

Entry in an encyclopedia:

Bergmann, Peter G. "Relativity." The New Encyclopedia Britannica: Macropedia. 15th ed. 1995.

Online Book:

Author. Title. Name of editor, compiler or translator if relevant. Publication Information of Print Edition, if given. Name of Database. Library, location. Date of access <URL of book>.

Entire Online Book (From a Library Database):

Stares, Paul. Global Habit: The Drug Problem in a Borderless World. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution 1996. NetLibrary. Resnick Library, Delhi, NY. 5 Nov. 2001 < <http://www.netLibrary.com/>>.

Article in Online Encyclopedia (From a Library Database):

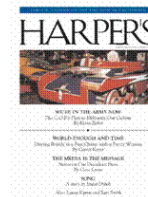
Ford-Martin, Paula, and Rebecca Frey, PhD. "Sleep Apnea." Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine. Ed. Jacqueline Longe. Vol. 4. 2nd ed. Detroit: Gale, 2005. Gale Virtual Reference Library. Resnick Library, Delhi, NY. 15 November 2005 <<http://www.galegroup.com>>.

JOURNALS, MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS - Print and Electronic

Examples for the most common formats are shown below.

Format (generally):

Author. "Article Title." Journal, Magazine or Newspaper Title. Vol., Issue (Date): Pages.



Examples:

Journal with each issue numbered separately (print):

King, Hoomay. "Lost in Translation." Film Quarterly 59.1 (2005): 45-48.

Journal with continuous pagination (print):

Note: page numbers begin where last issue left off.

Suojala-Ahlfors, Terhi. "Fruit Firmness of Pickling Cucumber Cultivars." HortTechnology 15 (2005): 777-780.

Newspaper article (print):

Format:

Author. "Article Title." Newspaper Title. Date of publication. Edition.: SectionPage.



Example:

Fixmer, Rob. "Tiny New Chip Could Pit Protection of Property Against Right of Privacy." New York Times 29 Sept. 1998, late ed.: F6.

Journal Article (online) Not from a Library Database

Format:

Author (if given). "Article Title." Journal Title. Volume and issue number. Date of publication. Page or paragraph numbers (if applicable). Date of access <URL>

Example:

Loesch, Dawn A. "Jejunioleal Anastomosis Technique in Six Horses." Proceedings of the 47th AAEP Annual Convention. Vol. 47. 2001. 110-112. 6 Dec. 2005
<<http://www.ivis.org/proceedings/AAEP/2001/contents01.pdf>>.

Magazine or Newspaper Article (online) Not from a Library Database

Format:

Author. "Article Title." Periodical Title. Date of publication. Date of access <URL of article>.

Examples:

Frere-Jones, Sasha. "Houston hip-hop takes over." New Yorker. 14 Nov. 2005. 8 Nov. 2005
<http://www.newyorker.com/critics/music/articles/051114crmu_music>.

Belson, Ken. "Technology Lets High-End Hotels Anticipate Guests' Whims." New York Times. 16 Nov. 2005. 17 Nov. 2005 <<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/11/16/technology/16hotels.html>>.

Journal or Magazine Article (online) From a Library Database

Format:

Author. "Article title." Periodical title (Date) [or vol.issue]: inclusive pages. Title of database. Library, location. Date of access <URL of database service's homepage>.



Example:

Jacobs, Hollye Harrington. "Ethics in Pediatric End-of-Life Care: A Nursing Perspective" Journal of Pediatric Nursing 20.5 (October 2005): 360-369. ScienceDirect. Resnick Library, Delhi, NY. 15 Nov. 2005
<<http://www.sciencedirect.com>>.

WEB SITES



Format:

Author [if given]. "Title of document." Title of Complete Work. Publication date. Publishing organization.
Date of access <URL>.

Examples:

"Family History for Preventive Medicine and Public Health." Genomics and Disease Prevention. 26 Oct. 2005.
Centers for Disease Control. 8 Nov. 2005. <http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/activities/FHx/fHix_fs.htm>.

McKenna, Mike. "Mark Twain." State University of New York at Delhi. 10 Nov. 2005
<http://faculty.delhi.edu/mckenmm/mark_twain.htm>.

FILMS

Format:

Title. Director. Performers. Date. [DVD or Videocassette]. Distributor, date released.



Example:

Million Dollar Baby. Dir. Clint Eastwood. Perf. Clint Eastwood and Hilary Swank. DVD. Warner
Home Video, 2005.

IMAGES/AUDIO/VIDEO



Online Image

Format:

Artist if Available. "Description or Title of Image." Date of image. Online image. Title of Larger Site.
Name of Providing Library, Consortium or Library System (if appropriate).
Date of download. <url>.

Examples:

Dovarganes, Damian. "Johnny Depp." 21 Jun. 2003. Online image. AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive.
Resnick Library. 1 Dec. 2005. <<http://accuweather.ap.org/>>.

"U.S. Landfalls: 2002-2005." 29 Nov. 2005. Online image. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
6 Dec. 2005. <<http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2005/images/hurricanes2005-landfall.jpg>>

Van Gogh, Vincent. "Vestibule of the Asylum." 1889. Online image. Metropolitan Museum of Art.
6 Dec. 2005. <<http://www.metmuseum.org/>>.

Online Sound

Format:

Creator if Available. "Description or Title of Sound." Date of Sound. Online sound. Title of Larger Site.
Date of download. <url>.

Examples:

"Al Gore concedes presidential election to George Bush." 13 Dec. 2000. Online sound. The History Channel.
6 Dec. 2005. <<http://www.historychannel.com>>.

Kuhn, Anthony. "China Reports First Human Death from Bird Flu." 16 Nov. 2005. Online sound.
NPR. 1 Dec. 2005. <<http://www.npr.org>>.

Online Video Clip

Format:

"Description or Title of Video Clip." Date of clip. Online video clip. Title of Larger Site.
Name of Providing Library (if appropriate). Date of download. <url>.

Example:

"Rosa Parks is jailed in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man." 1 Dec. 1955. Online video clip. The History Channel. 6 Dec. 2005.
<<http://www.historychannel.com>>



INTERVIEWS

Formats:

Name of person interviewed. Interview with [who conducted interview]. Program. Network, city, date of interview.

Name of person interviewed. Personal/Telephone Interview [assumed it is with person who is writing the paper]. Date.

Examples:

Springsteen, Bruce. Interview with Terry Gross. Fresh Air. WHYY, Philadelphia, 15 Nov. 2005.

Dixon, Steve. Personal Interview. 29 March 2004.

PARENTHETICAL REFERENCES (In Text Citations)

In parentheses, put author's last name followed by page numbers:

"The perfect is the enemy of the good" (Dalton 22).

Unless the author's name is cited in the sentence itself, then just include page number, such as:

Dalton believes "The perfect is the enemy of the good" (22).

When quoting or paraphrasing:

Original sentence used in full and cited:

"Female-female conversations proved to last longer in turns and actual time than male-male conversations and were approximately double the length when closing a conversation and saying goodbye" (Chand 701).

Same sentence paraphrased, but still cited:

Instant messaging conversations between females lasted longer than those between males and were also twice the length when ending a conversation (Chand 701).