

MLA Style Guide

For more detailed information on the MLA Style see:

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

"How do I document sources from the Web in my works-cited list?" 04 Dec 2003. MLA. 11 Apr. 2006. <http://www.mla.org/publications/style/style_faq/style_faq4>.

Parenthetical references

Perhaps the most simple way to cite sources is to use parenthetical references in the body of the paper and include a list of works cited at the end of the paper. You do this by placing in parentheses at the end of the sentence the author's last name and the page number of the work you are citing. If you have used the author's name in the sentence, place only the page number in parentheses. These references are brief but should give enough information to enable the reader to find the full citation in the works-cited list at the end of the paper.

Examples:

Women play an important role within the family both in production and reproduction (Bronstein 36).

Steinberg contends the global debt crisis is having a strong impact on women and children in developing nations (74).

List of Works Cited

The list of Works Cited identifies all of the sources referred to in the body of the paper. There are several basic elements that are usually included in each citation, including author, title of article or book chapter, title of book or journal, place of publication, publisher, date of publication, volume, number, etc. Not all of these elements are present for each item. Use only what is appropriate. Specific page references are included in the parenthetical references, not on the Works Cited page, except when citing a work from an anthology or a journal article.

For items that are neither a book nor periodical, consult the MLA Handbook for required elements.

Examples:

Books

No author:

World Development Report. New York: Oxford UP, 1989.

One author:

Berry, Wendell. The Gift of Good Land. San Francisco: North Point, 1981.

Two authors:

Smith, Frank J., and Marsha Higgins. Computers in Schools. Austin: U. of Texas, 1998.

More than three authors:

Blaikie, Peirs, et al. Nepal in Crisis. Delhi: Oxford UP, 1980.

Author and Editor:

Dostoyevsky, Fyodor. The Brothers Karamozov. Ed. Ralph E. Matlaw. New York: Norton, 1976.

Editor:

Del Castillo, Adelaida R., ed. Between Borders: Essays on Mexicana/ Chicana History. Encino: Floricanto, 1990.

Essay or Article in a Collection/Anthology:

Gonzalez, Rosalinda. "Distinctions in Western Women's Experience: Ethnicity, Class, and Social Change." The Women's West. Ed. Susan Armitage. Norman: U of Oklahoma, 1987. 237-252.

Several Volumes:

Leach, Maria, ed. Dictionary of Folklore. 2 vols. New York: Funk and Wagnall, 1950.

Signed Encyclopedia Articles:

Madden, Edward H. "Civil Disobedience." Dictionary of the History of Ideas. Ed. Philip Wiener. 5 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1973.

Periodicals**Magazine Article, Signed:**

Ferguson, Sarah. "America's Growing Frustration with the Homeless." Utne Reader Sept.-Oct. 1990: 50-55.

Magazine Article, Unsigned:

"A Shock to the System." Time 20 Aug 1990: 55.

Scholarly Journal with Continuous Pagination:

Medvedev, Zhores. "The Environmental Destruction of the Soviet Union." The Ecologist 20 (1990): 24-29.

Scholarly Journal with Separate Pagination:

Ayoade, John. "The Culture Debate in Africa." The Black Scholar 20.2-3 (1989): 2-7.

Newspaper Article, Unsigned:

"Environmental Audits Being Considered by EC." Wall Street Journal 11 Feb. 1991, West. ed.: A8.

Electronic and Other**Article from subscription database (Ebsco, ABI/INFORM, PsycArticles, etc.):**

Fedarko, Kevin and Edward W. Desmond. "Shock to the System." Time 10 Apr. 1995: 55. Academic Search. Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 27 July 2002 <<http://www.ebsco.com>>.

Web page or Site:

"Correspondence, 21 May 1994, from George Greeott." Gaye LeBaron Digital Collection. North Bay Digital Collections. 11 April 2006. University Library, Sonoma State University. 8 September 2007 <<http://northbaydigital.sonoma.edu/>>.

Journal Article from a Web Site:

Flanagan, Roy. "Reflections on Milton and Ariosto." Early Modern Literary Studies 2.3 (1996): 16 pars. 22 Feb.1997 <<http://unixg.ubc.ca:7001/0/e-sources/emls/o2-3/flanmilt.html>>.

Book Review:

Dolan, Jill. Rev. of Feminism and Theatre, by Sue-Ellen Case. Signs 15.4 (1990): 864.

Interview in Print:

Kundera, Milan. Interview. New York Times 18 Jan. 1982, late ed., sec. 3: 13+.

Eric Document:

Reed Porter. "Languages of Indochinese Refugees." ERIC, 1981. ED 341231.

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