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## Creating a Works Cited list in MLA format

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### Formatting Guidelines:

- Center the title Works Cited an inch from the top of the page
- Double-space between the title and the first entry
- Begin each entry flush with the left margin; if an entry runs more than one line, indent the subsequent line or lines one-half inch from the left margin
- Double space the entire list, both between and within entries
- Alphabetize the entries by the author's last name. If no name is given, alphabetize by the title's first significant word (ignore A, An, or The).
- Every entry must state the medium of publication: Print, Web, DVD, TV, etc.
- If several cities are listed for the place of publication, give only the first.
- Use n.p. if no place of publication is listed
- Use n.p. if no publisher is listed

**Note: To save space, this guide is single spaced. Be sure to double space your Works Cited list.**

## Books

### Book with one author

Author's last name, first name. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. Medium of publication consulted.

**Wilson, Frank R. *The Hand: How Its Use Shapes the Brain, Language, and Human Culture*. New York: Pantheon, 1998. Print.**

### Book with two or three authors

Author's last name, first name and first name, last name. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. Medium of publication consulted.

**Eggs, Suzanna, and Diane Slade. *Analysing Casual Conversation*. London: Cassell, 1997. Print.**

### Book with four or more authors

Author's last name, first name followed by et. al. (the abbreviation for the Latin phrase "and others") in place of the other authors' names. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. Medium of publication consulted.

**Gilman, Sander, et al. *Hysteria Beyond Freud*. Berkeley: U of CA P, 1993. Print.**

### Book with no author listed

*Title of book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. Medium of publication consulted.

***Webster's Biographical Dictionary*. Springfield: Merriam, 1961. Print.**

### Book with an editor

Editor's last name, first, ed. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. Medium of publication consulted.

Feldman, Paula R., ed. *British Women Poets of the Romantic Era*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1997. Print.

### Book: Multiple-Volume work

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Selected Piece." *Title of Complete Work*. Ed. Editor's name. Vol. number. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication. pages used. Medium of publication consulted.

Vincent, Jon S. "Jorge Amado." *Latin American Writers*. Ed. Carlos Sole. Vol. II. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1989. 293-325. Print.

### Book from an Online Database or a Web Site

Author's last name, first name. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. *Title of Database or Web site*. Medium of publication consulted. Date of access.

McCracken, G.M. and P.E. Stott. *Fusion: The Energy of the Universe*. Burlington, MA: Elsevier Science and Technology Books, 2005. *Netlibrary*. Web. 24 Mar. 2009.

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. NY: Harpers and Brothers Publishers, 1920. *Google Books*. Web. 25 Mar. 2009.

### Encyclopedia article with no author listed

"Title of entry." *Name of encyclopedia*. Edition. Medium of publication consulted.

"Mandarin." *The Encyclopedia Americana*. 2001 ed. Print.

### Work within an anthology

Author's last name, first name. "Title of work." *Title of Book*. Ed. Editor's name. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. pages used. Medium of publication consulted.

Bordo, Susan. "The Moral Content of Nabokov's *Lolita*." *Aesthetic Subjects*. Ed. Pamela R. Matthews and David McWhirter. Minneapolis: U of Minnesota P, 2003. 125-52. Print.

### Magazine article reprinted in an anthology

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Magazine* day month year: pages. Rpt. in *Title of book*. Ed. Editor's name. Vol. number. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. pages used. Medium of publication consulted.

Hacker, Marilyn. "Provoking Engagement." *The Nation* 29 Jan. 1990: 135-137. Rpt. in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*. Ed. Jeffrey W. Hunter. Vol. 114. Detroit: Gale, 1999. 143-48. Print.

Note: You first cite the article from within the book in the correct format, then after Rpt. in (Reprinted in) you cite the actual reference volume.

### Selection from a book reprinted in an anthology

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Selection." *Title of Book*. Editors. Place of Publication: Name of Publisher, copyright date. pages used. Rpt. in *Title of book*. Ed. Editor's name. Vol. number. Place of publication: Name of publisher, copyright date. pages used. Medium of publication consulted.

Dimeo, Steven. "Man and Apollo: Religion in Bradbury's Science Fiction." *Ray Bradbury*. Ed. Martin H. Greenberg and Joseph D. Olander. New York: Taplinger, 1980. 156-64. Rpt. in *Short Story Criticism*. Ed. Lynn M. Zott. Vol. 53. Detroit: Gale, 2002. 213-217. Print.

Note: You first cite the article from within the book in the correct format, then after Rpt. in (Reprinted in) you cite the actual reference volume.

## Magazines

### Magazine article (print)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Magazine* day month year: pages. Medium of publication consulted.

**Mehta, Prarap Bhanu. "Exploding Myths." *New Republic* 6 June 1998: 17-19. Print.**

### Magazine Article from an Online Database – (Academic OneFile, Proquest, etc.)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Magazine* day month year: pages. *Title of Database*. Medium of publication consulted. Date of access.

**Marquardt, Katy. "Time to Buy Stocks or a House?." *U.S. News and World Report* 1 Mar. 2009: 57. *Academic One File*. Web. 20 Mar. 2009.**

## Journals

### Journal article (print)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): pages. Medium of publication consulted.

**Craner, Paul M. "New Took for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music." *Computers and the Humanities* 25 (1991): 303-13. Print.**

### Journal Article from an Online Database – (Academic OneFile, Proquest, etc.)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): pages. *Title of Database*. Medium of publication consulted. Date of access.

**Bellon, M.R., J. Hellin, and A. Keleman. "Maize Diversity, Rural Development Policy, and Farmers' Practices: Lessons from Chiapas, Mexico." *Geographical Journal* 75.1 (2009): 52-70. *Academic Search Elite*. Web. 20 Mar. 2009.**

### Journal article (published independently on the Web)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): pages. Medium of publication consulted. Date of access.

**Oullette, Marc. "Theories, Memories, Bodies, and Artists." Editorial. *Reconstruction* 7.4 (2007): n. pag. Web. 5 June 2008.**

## Newspapers

### Newspaper article (print)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Name of newspaper* day month year: page and section. Medium of publication consulted.

**Lohr, Steve. "Now Playing: Babes in Cyberspace." *New York Times* 3 Apr. 1998, late ed.: C1+. Print.**

### Newspaper Article from an Online Database – (Academic OneFile, Proquest, etc.)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Name of newspaper* day month year: page and section. *Title of Database*. Medium of publication consulted. Date of access.

**Dwyre, Bill. "He has Heart, and Head, for the Racing Biz." *Los Angeles Times* 10 Mar. 2009: C7. *Proquest Newspapers*. Web. 19 Mar. 2009.**

## Web Sites

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Work." *Title of overall website, if distinct from the title of the work.* Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use N.p. Date of publication (day, month, and year, as available); if nothing is available, use n.d. Medium of publication consulted. Date of access.

**Note: Include the URL at the end of the citation if the reader would have trouble locating the source.**

Green, Joshua. "The Rove Presidency." *The Atlantic.com.* Atlantic Monthly Group, Sept. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

"The Front Line of American Jobs." *Good Morning America.* ABC News, 3 Apr. 2009. Web. 9 Apr. 2009.

"Hourly News Summary." *National Public Radio.* Natl. Public Radio, 20 July 2007. Web. 20 July 2007.

Liu, Alan, ed. Home page. *Voice of the Shuttle.* Dept. of English, U of California, Santa Barbara, n.d. Web. 15 May 2008.

"Maplewood, New Jersey." Map. *Google Maps.* Google, 15 May 2008. Web. 15 May 2008.

"Open-mindedness." By Qualiasoup. *YouTube.* YouTube, 31 Mar. 2009. Web. 2 Apr. 2009. <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T69TOuqaqXI>>.

Quade, Alex. "Elite Team Resuces Troops behind Enemy Line." *CNN.com.* Cable News Network, 19 Mar. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

"The Scientists Speak." Editorial. *New York Times.* New York Times, 20 Nov. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

Tyre, Peg. "Standardized Tests in College?" *Newsweek.* Newsweek, 16 Nov. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

The examples above are just a sampling of what appears in the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. For details on writing your paper and for other citation examples, please consult the *MLA Handbook* located at the reference desk of the library.