

This guide provides an overview for common bibliographic references. For more detailed information, see the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed. (Ref LB2369 .G53 2009) or *Rules for Writers*, 6th ed., 2009 MLA Update (Ref PE1408 .H277 2009).

- **Consult** your instructor for specific guidelines for composing a Works Cited list.
- **Avoid Plagiarism!** Plagiarism is using someone's work without giving credit. It is academic dishonesty and may result in disciplinary action. **To avoid plagiarizing: see MLA, Chapter 2, for clear guidelines.**

Books / Government Documents

NOTE: This guide single spaces citations to conserve space. Remember to double space your Works Cited!

Basic Format - Books:

Author. *Title of the Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication. Print.

- **Book with one author:**
Tan, Amy. *The Bonesetter's Daughter*. New York: Putnam, 2001. Print.
- **Book with two authors:**
Eggs, Suzanne, and Diane Slade. *Analysing Casual Conversation*. London: Cassell, 1997. Print.
- **Book with an editor:**
Powell, Kevin, ed. *Step into a World: A Global Anthology of the New Black Literature*. New York: Wiley, 2000. Print.
- **Signed chapter in edited book:**
Stott, Jon C. "Power, Freedom, and Imprisonment in *Tuck Everlasting*." *The Phoenix Award of The Children's Literature Association 1995-1999*. Eds. Alethea Helbig and Agnes Perkins. Lanham: Scarecrow, 2001. 37-42. Print.
- **Unsigned article in well-known encyclopedia or dictionary:**
"Reckon." *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. 11th ed. 2003. Print.
- **Article in a reference book:**
Moch, Leslie Page. "Migration." *Encyclopedia of European Social History: From 1350 to 2000*. Ed. Peter N. Stearns. Vol. 2. Detroit: Scribner's, 2001. 133-44. Print.
- **Book with two or more volumes:**
Holmes, Kenneth L., ed. *Covered Wagon Women: Diaries & Letters from the Western Trails, 1840-1890*. 8 vols. Glendale: Clark, 1983-1993. Print.
- **Previously published article in a collection:**
Roberts, Sheila. "A Confined World: A Rereading of Pauline Smith." *World Literature Written in English* 24.2 (1984): 232-38. Rpt. in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Ed. Dennis Poupard. Vol. 25. Detroit: Gale, 1988. 399-402. Print.
- **Article in an *Opposing Viewpoints* volume:**
Bracey, Gerald W. "The Quality of Public Education Has Not Declined." *Education: Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. Mary E. Williams. Detroit: Greenhaven, 2005. 23-28. Print.

- **Government document:**

United States. Cong. Senate. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. *Hearing on the Geopolitics of Oil*. 110th Cong., 1st sess. Washington: GPO, 2007. Print.

Electronic Books

Basic Format - E-books:

Author. *Title of the Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication. *Name of Database*. Web. Your date of access.

- **Basic e-book:**

Dalton, Sharron. *Our Overweight Children: What Parents, Schools, and Communities Can Do to Control the Fatness Epidemic*. Berkeley: U of California P, 2004. *NetLibrary*. Web. 21 Nov. 2007.

- **Google Books:**

Henson, Crispin. *Teacher Education and the Challenge of Diversity in South Africa*. Capetown: HSRC, 2006. *Google Book Search*. Web. 13 Oct. 2009.

Basic Format - Article / chapter from edited e-books:

Author. "Article Title." *Title of the Book*. Editor. Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication. Page numbers. *Name of Database*. Web. Your date of access.

- **Gale Virtual Reference Library database - Chapter:**

Long, Thomas. "Utopia." *Encyclopedia of Community*. Eds. Karen Christensen and David Levinson. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2003. 1437-42. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 12 June 2006.

- **Literature Resource Center database - Reference article:**

Williams, Aubrey L. "Alexander Pope." *Eighteenth Century British Poets, First Series*. Ed. John Sitter. *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. Vol. 95. Detroit: Gale, 1990. 169-210. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 1 Mar. 2005.

- **Opposing Viewpoints database - Article:**

McCaffrey, Barry R.. "Youth Substance Abuse is a Serious Problem." *America's Youth: Opposing Viewpoints*. Ed. Roman Espejo. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2003. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 21 Nov. 2007.

Print Periodicals

Basic Format - Article from scholarly journal:

Author. "Article Title." *Journal Title* Volume.Issue (Year): Page numbers. Print.

- Wood, Michael. "Broken Dates: Fiction and the Century." *Kenyon Review* 22.3 (2000): 50-64. Print.

Basic Format - Article from a popular weekly magazine:

Author. "Article Title." *Magazine Title* Date: Page numbers. Print.

- Lord, Lewis. "There's Something about Mary Todd." *U.S. News and World Report* 19 Feb. 2001: 53. Print.

- **Article in daily newspaper:**

Wilford, John Noble. "In a Golden Age of Discovery, Faraway Worlds Beckon." *New York Times* 9 Feb. 1997, late ed., sec. 1: 1+. Print.

Electronic Periodicals (from library databases)

(Frequently online articles do not have page numbers. In that case, use the abbreviation "n. pag.")

Basic Format - Electronic periodicals from library databases:

Use the same formats as print periodicals, **but also add:**



Name of Database. Web. Your date of access.

For example - Journal article from library database:

- Author. "Article Title." *Journal Title* Volume.Issue (Year): Page numbers. *Name of Database.* Web. Date of your access.

- **CQ Researcher database:**

Weeks, Jennifer. "Future of Recycling." *CQ Researcher* 17.44 (2007): 1033-1060. *CQ Researcher.* Web. 10 Jan. 2008.

- **EBSCOhost database - Journal article:**

Wood, Michael. "Broken Dates: Fiction and the Century." *Kenyon Review* 22.3 (2000): 50-64. *Academic Search Premier.* Web. 15 Apr. 2009.

- **EBSCOhost database - Weekly magazine article:**

Lord, Lewis. "There's Something About Mary Todd." *U.S. News and World Report* 9 Feb. 2001: 53. *Academic Search Premier.* Web. 12 June 2006.

- **LexisNexis database:**

- **Company information:**

"Nordstrom Inc.: Snapshot." 2007. *LexisNexis Academic.* Web. 21 Nov. 2007.

- **International newspapers:**

Stickley, Marcus. "Feast of Thanks." *The Nelson Mail* [New Zealand] 20 Nov. 2007: 14. *LexisNexis Academic.* Web. 21 Nov. 2007.

- **Legal cases:**

"Liddell by Liddell v. Board of Educ." 20 F.3d 324 (1994). *LexisNexis Academic.* Web. 21 Nov. 2007.

- **ProQuest database - Journal article:**

Wood, Michael. "Broken Dates: Fiction and the Century." *Kenyon Review* 22.3 (2000): 50-64. *Research Library, ProQuest.* Web. 15 Apr. 2009.

- **ProQuest database - Weekly magazine article:**

Thompson, Mark. "Grounded in Kosovo." *Time* 31 May 1999: 60-62. *Research Library, ProQuest.* Web. 4 Apr. 2001.

- **ProQuest database - Daily newspaper article:**

Hays, Kristen. "Enron Whistleblower Watkins to Resign." *Columbian* 16 Nov. 2002: E2. *Washington State Newsstand, ProQuest.* Web. 4 Dec. 2002.

Web Sources

In 2009 MLA made major changes. **It no longer requires a Web address (URL)** for online sources. **However, if your instructor requires a URL**, enclose it in angle brackets at the end of the entry. **If you must divide a URL, break it after a slash. Do not insert a hyphen.**

- **If your instructor requires a URL – example:**

Peterson, Susan Lynn. *The Life of Martin Luther*. Susan Lynn Peterson, 2005. Web. 24 Jan. 2009.
<http://www.susanlynnpeterson.com/index_files/luther.htm>.

Basic Format - Web Sources:

Author. "Title of Short Work." *Title of Site*. Sponsor of the site, date of publication or update (if no date, add n.d.). Web. Your access date.

- **Short work from Web site – No date:**

Shiva, Vandana. "Bioethics: A Third World Issue." *NativeWeb*. NativeWeb, n.d. Web. 22 Jan. 2009.

- **Short work from Web site – Author unknown:**

"Living Old." *Frontline*. PBS Online, 21 Nov. 2006. Web. 19 Jan. 2009.

- **Web version of an article from a print journal – No page numbers**

Belau, Linda. "Trauma and the Material Signifier." *Postmodern Culture* 11.2 (2001): n. pag. Web. 18 Jan. 2009.

- **Entry in a Weblog (Blog):**

Mayer, Caroline. "Some Surprising Findings about Identity Theft." *The Checkout*. Washington Post, 28 Feb. 2006. Web. 19 Jan. 2007.

- **Email:**

Sanders, Jonathan. "Question about Thanksgiving." Message to Dr. Lauren Shaeffer. 17 Nov. 2005. Email.

- **Government document:**

United States. Environmental Protection Agency. *Drinking Water Standards*. EPA, 28 Nov. 2006. Web. 22 Jan. 2007.

- **Online video clip:**

Murphy, Beth. "Tips for a Good Profile Piece." *Project: Report*. YouTube, 7 Sept. 2008. Web. 19 Sept. 2008.

Media / Non-Print Sources

- **DVD:**

Finding Neverland. Dir. Marc Forster. Perf. Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet, Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, and Dustin Hoffman. Miramax, 2004. DVD.

- **Online image - photo: (Don't include medium of original publication, e.g. *Photograph*)**

Lange, Dorothea. *The Migrant Mother*. 1936. Prints and Photographs Div., Lib. of Congress. *Dorothea Lange: Photographer of the People*. Web. 9 May 2007.

- **Photo / illustration from print source:**

Goya, Francisco. *The Family of Charles IV*. 1800. Museo del Prado, Madrid. *Gardner's Art Through the Ages*. 10th ed. By Richard G. Tansey and Fred S. Kleiner. Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace, 1996. 939. Print.

- **Work of art:**

Sato, Norie. *Branik's Tree*. 1990. Glass etching. Cannell Lib., Clark College, Vancouver, WA.