

MLA Style

*The Modern Language Association of America
Documentation Style*

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BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

- Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 6th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of American, 2003.
808.027 M689m, 2003
- Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing. 2nd ed. New York: Modern Language Association of American, 1998.
808.027 G437m, 1998

WEB SITES ON MLA

[What Is MLA Style?](http://www.mla.org/style)

<http://www.mla.org/style>

Home site of the Modern Language Association of America. Click on MLA Style for information on citation style. The "Frequently Asked Questions" about MLA Style" will answer some of your questions.

[Modern Language Association \(MLA\) Style](http://www.sinclair.edu/centers/wc/StyleGuides/MLAStyle/index.cfm)

<http://www.sinclair.edu/centers/wc/StyleGuides/MLAStyle/index.cfm>

This web page is provided by the Sinclair Writing Center, located on the 2nd floor of Building 3, Room 3221. The Writing Center provides assistance for any writing project. Their website offers information on style guides and research tools.

[Assembling a List of Works Cited in Your Paper](http://www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/cite/works_cited.htm)

http://www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/cite/works_cited.htm

Find answers to citing various sources in different styles such as MLA, APA, Chicago, and Turabian. This web page is a section of Part 7 of the [Guide to Library Research](#) from Duke University Libraries. An excellent site for learning how to research.

[Modern Language Association \(MLA\) Citation Guide](http://library.osu.edu/sites/guides/mlagd.html#ejn)

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Ohio State University Libraries provides this simple and easy to read list of citations in MLA format. Each example includes a parenthetical reference of the item.

[MLA Examples](http://ollie.dcccd.edu/library/Module4/M4-V/examples.htm)

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A well organized list of examples of various sources in MLA style. This page is part of Module 4, [Citing Your Sources with MLA Format](#), created by the Dallas TeleCollege Library and Richland College Library of the Dallas County Community College District.

CITING BOOKS

Basic Entry

1. **Author's name.** *Last name, comma, and then first name. Put a period after the complete name.*

Single author

Nobles, Gregory H
Lewis, C. S.
Rust, Arthur George, Jr.

Two or more authors

Rybacki, James J., and James W. Long.
Brown, Pamela, Julie Phelps Maloy, and Donna
Oddo.
Gilman, Sander, et al.
et al = "and other" for more than three authors.

Editor, compiler, or translator

Bloom, Harold, ed.
Page, James A., comp.

Corporate author

American Nurses Association.
National Cash Register Company.

- *If no author is stated, begin the entry with the title of the document.*

2. **Title of the book.**

Include subtitle

Underline the entire title and put a period after that.

A Quick Guide to Food Safety.

Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning.

Cognitive-Behavioral Strategies in Crisis Intervention. 2nd ed.

- *Add a colon(:) after the main title and include the subtitle if given.*

3. **Publication information.**

City of publication: publisher's name, year of publication.

Use a colon after the place of publication, a comma after the name of the publisher, and a period after the date.

New York: Norton, 2002.

Washington, DC: American Nurses, 2004.

Washington: GPO, 2003.

London: Dent; Rutland: Tuttle, 1992. *Multiple publishers.*

New York: Plume-Penguin, 2002.

- Give only the first city if several are listed.
- If there are two or more publishers, include all of them.
- If the name of the city is unfamiliar, add an abbreviation of the state or country.
- State imprint, followed by a hyphen and the name of the publisher.
- Use these abbreviations when appropriate: *n.p.* -- No place of publication given
n.p. -- No publisher
n.d. -- No date

Example:

Fried, Robert. Breathe Well, Be Well. New York: Wiley, 1999.

Faulkner, Robert R. Music on Demand: Composers and careers in the Hollywood Film Industry. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2003.

A Multivolume Work

Gottesman, Ronald. Violence in America: An Encyclopedia. 3 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1999.

Jurgens, Jane. "Greek Americans." Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America. Ed. Robert von Dassanowsky. Vol. 2. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Group, 2000. 3 vols. 732-754.

An Article in a Reference Work

"The Buddha and Buddhism." The New Encyclopaedia Britannica. 15th ed. 2003.

- Do not cite the editor of the reference work if it is an encyclopedia or a dictionary.
- Do not give full publication information for familiar reference books.
- If the articles are arranged alphabetically omit volume and page numbers of the encyclopedia or dictionary.

A Work in an Anthology

"Oedipus the King." Masterpieces of the Theatre. Ed. Charles C. Ritter. Columbus, OH: Collegiate Publishing, 1976. 5-28.

Rothfeder, Jeffrey. "The Internet Threatens Privacy." Technology and Society. Ed. Auriana Ojeda. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2002.

A Government Publication

United States. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Fatalities by Highest Blood Alcohol Concentration in the Crash: 1985-2001." Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2003. Washington: GPO, 2003.

United States. Environmental Protection Agency. Health Effects of Passive Smoking: Assessment of Lung Cancer in Adults and Respiratory Disorders in Children. Washington, DC: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1990.

- *If the writer is unknown, cite as author the government agency (name of the government followed by the name of the agency) that issued the document.*
- *Most federal publications are published by the Government Printing Office (GPO). However, for local government publications, give the publication information that shows on the title page.*

Laws and Legal Sources

17 US Code. Sec. 501. 1994. (Refer to: *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*. 17th ed. Cambridge: Harvard Law Review Association, 2000. 348.7347 U58 2000)

CITING MEDIA SOURCES

An Audio Book

Freeman, Richard. Yoga Breathing. Diskette. Boulder, CO: Sounds True, 2002.

A Video Recording

Divided Memories. Dir. Ofra Bikel. Videocassette. PBS Video, Public Broadcasting Service, 1995.

A Video from a Database

Beating the Bottom Line. Prod. Christopher Kock. Films for the Humanities & Sciences. OhioLINK Digital Media Center. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 13 Oct. 2005. <<http://rave.ohiolink.edu/dmc/video/3101227>>.

CITING ARTICLES IN PERIODICALS

Basic Entry

An Article in a Journal

1. **Author's name.** *Author of the article.*
2. **"Title of the article."** *Enclose the title of the article in quotation marks.*
3. **Publication information.**

Journal title *Underlined*

Volume number.issue number *The volume number, a period, and the issue number.*

(Year of publication): *The year of publication in parentheses followed by a colon.*

Page numbers. *Complete with a period after the page number.*

Johnson, Colleen L. "Perspectives on American Kinship in the Later 1990s." Journal of Marriage and the Family 62.3 (2000): 623-639.

Price, Tom. "Reforming Bit-Time College Sports: Does the Emphasis on Winning Exploit Athletes?" CQ Researcher 14.11 (2004): 249-272.

An Article in a Magazine

1. **Author's name.** *Author of the article.*
2. **"Title of the article."** *Enclose the title of the article in quotation marks.*
3. **Publication information.**

Magazine title *Underlined*

Date: *Give the complete date (day, month, and year). Use a colon after the date.*

Page numbers. *Complete with a period after the page number. If the article is not printed on consecutive pages, put the first page number and a plus (+) sign.*

- *Do not give the volume and issue numbers even if they are listed on the magazine.*

"Rating America's Airport." Consumer Reports Oct. 2000: 18-24.

Adler, Jerry, and Anne Underwood. "Starve Your Way to Health." Newsweek 19 Jan. 2004: 51-54.

An Article in a Newspaper

1. **Author's name.** *Author of the article.*
2. **"Title of the article."** *Enclose the title of the article in quotation marks.*
3. **Publication information**

Newspaper title -- *Omit introductory article. (Example: "The ...") Underlined*
[City of publication] -- *If the city is not included in the title of a locally published newspaper, add the name of the city in square brackets.*

Date: -- *Give complete date (day, month, and year). Use a colon after the date*
Add a comma (,) after the date followed by the edition if given.

Edition: -- *Specify edition after the date. Use a colon after the edition if given.*

Page numbers. -- *Include the section and page number. End with a period.*

Bowman, Nancy. "Tipp Hires Architect for Aquatic Center." Dayton Daily News 19 May 2004: B3.

Tam, Pui-Wing. "Qualcomm Strives for Wireless Standard." Wall Street Journal 31 Jan. 2001, midwest ed.: B6.

CITING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- *Follow the recommendations for citing print materials with appropriate modifications for electronic source.*
- *Give the inclusive page numbers, total number of pages, paragraphs, or sections.*
- *State the name of the database used (underlined).*
- *The name of the library that subscribed to the service.*
- *Include date of access*
- *The URL (in angle brackets) of the service's web site or end with the date of access.*

An Electronic Book

Gilbert, Jeremy, and Ewan Pearson. Discographies: Dance Music, Culture and the Politics of Sound. London: Routledge, 2002. NetLibrary. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 15 July 2003 <www.netlibrary.com>.

Patton, Derek Franklin Brooks. Flash 5! Creative Web Animation. Peachpit Press, 2000. Safari Tech Books Online. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 14 Oct. 2005 <<http://proquest.safaribooksonline.com/020171969X/d1e772>>.

A Part of an Electronic Book

Dunbar, Paul Laurence. "Sunset." Dunbar: The Collected Poetry (1993): a machine-readable transcript. Alexandria, VA: Chadwyck-Healey, 1994. Database of African-American Poetry. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 14 July 2003 <<http://www.ohiolink.edu/cgi-bin/daap-entries.pl?POEM+1759357>>.

An Article in a Journal/Magazine from a Database

Clark, Charles S. "Underage Drinking." CQ Researcher 13 Mar. 1992: 219+. SIRS Researcher. SIRS Knowledge Source. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 9 Nov. 2000 <<http://researcher.sirs.com>>.

Bennetts, Leslie. "Computers Can Make Students More Interested in Learning." Computers and Education. James D. Torr, ed. At Issue Series. Greenhaven Press, 2003. Rpt. of "Why (Some) Kids Love School." FamilyPC May 2001: 76. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Gale. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 12 October 2005. <<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/OVRC>>.

- *The above information is taken from "Source Citation" of the cited article provided by Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center.*
- *Note that it is a reprint of the same article under a different title – "Rpt. Of...."*

Zorpette, Glenn. "The Smart Hybrid." IEEE Spectrum 41.1 (2004): 6 pp. Academic Search Premier. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 2 June 2004.
<<http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&an=12100867>>.

- *Identify the length of the article by giving: number range (24-38), total number of pages (7 pp.), total number of paragraphs (6 pars.) or sections.*
- *If the URL of the full-text article is impractically long,*
 - *give the persistent URL to the record if given.,*
 - *state the name of the database (underlined), the name of the service (if known), then the name of the library (Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH or OhioLINK, Columbus, OH)*
 - *simply end with the date of access.*

An Article in an Online Journal

"Vast Majority of Adults at Risk of Becoming Overweight or Close." NIH News. 3 Oct. 2005. 14 Oct. 2005 <<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/oct2005/nhlbi-03.htm>>.

An Article in a Newspaper from a Database

Bateman, George R., and Selwyn W. Becker. "TQM Revisited: An Honest Business Plan." Chicago Tribune 25 Aug. 2002, Chicagoland Final ed.: Perspective 1. NewsBank NewsFile Collection. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 8 Oct. 2002
<<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/>>.

MacConnell, Sean . "New Strategy Seeks Value for Money." The Irish Times. 10 June 2003, City ed: Home News 2. LexisNexis Academic. Sinclair Library, Dayton, OH. 9 July 2003
< http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe/form/academic/s_guidednews.html>.

A World Wide Web Site/Page

"Austria." The World Factbook. 1 Jan. 2000. Central Intelligence Agency. 1 Feb. 2002
<<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/au.html>>.

NINDS Headache Information Page. 4 Dec. 2002. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health. 8 May. 2004
<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/health_and_medical/disorders/headache.htm>.

Stehlin, Dori. Cosmetic safety: More Complex than at First Blush. May 1995. U.S. FDA Consumer, Food and Drug Administration. 14 Oct. 2005
<<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/cos-safe.html>>.