

MLA Style - How to Document Information on a Works Cited Reference Page

This guide is based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed.

FORMAT RULES

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Place the list of works cited at the end of the paper.Center the title, "Works Cited", one inch from the top of the page.Double space between the title and the first entry.Double space both within and between entries.Begin each entry flush with the left margin.Indent subsequent lines one-half inch (five spaces).Alphabetize by the author's (or editor's) last name.Entries without an author are alphabetized by title.	<p style="text-align: center;">Works Cited</p> <p>Bolton, Matthew J. "Shakespeare's <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>." <i>Explicator</i> 63.4 (2005): 208-9. Print.</p> <p>Halio, Jay L., ed. <i>Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet: Texts, Contexts, and Interpretation</i>. Newark: University of Delaware Press, 1995. Print.</p> <p>Vela, Richard. "Shakespeare, Hollywood, and Mexico: The <i>Continflas Romeo y Julieta</i>." <i>Literature/Film Quarterly</i> 30.3 (2002): 231-8. <i>Academic Search Premier</i>. Web. 4 Jan. 2006.</p>
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BOOKS

Basic Format

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of the Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Medium of Publication.

Books by a Single Author

Williamson, Lamar. *Mark*. Atlanta, Ga: J. Knox Press, 1983. Print.

Books by Two or More Authors

If the book has two or more authors, list all of the authors.

Stanton, Graham, Daniel M. Gurtner, Joel Willitts, and Richard A. Burrridge. *Jesus, Matthew's Gospel and Early Christianity: Studies in Memory of Graham N. Stanton*. London: T & T Clark, 2011. Print.

AN ARTICLE OR ENTRY IN A REFERENCE BOOK

Basic Format

Author's Last Name, First Name (if available). "Title of the Article or Entry." *Title of the Reference Book*. Vol. Volume Number. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.
Medium of Publication.

Signed Examples (have an author)

Bolz, Frank A., Jr. "Lindbergh Law." *Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement*. Vol. 2. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 2005. Print.

Unsigned Example (no author)

"Northern Right Whale." *Beacham's Guide to the Endangered Species of North America*. Ed. Walton Beacham, et al. Vol. 6. Detroit: Gale, 2001. Print.

JOURNAL, MAGAZINE, NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM AN ONLINE DATABASE

Basic Format

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Periodical Title* Volume number. Issue number (Date of publication): Page number range. *Database Name*. Medium of Publication.
Date of Access. <URL>.

Examples

Cummings, Scott T. "Interactive Shakespeare." *Theatre Topics* 8.1 (1998): 93-112. *Project Muse*. Web. 14 Aug. 2003. <<http://www.press.jhu.edu>>.

JOURNAL, MAGAZINE, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES - PRINT VERSIONS

Basic Format

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Periodical Title* Volume number. Issue number (Date of publication): Page number range. Medium of Publication.

Article in a Journal

Dusinberre, Juliet. "Pancakes and a Date for *As You Like It*." *Shakespeare Quarterly* 54 (2003): 371-405. Print.

Article in a Magazine

Goodell, Jeff. "The Plunder of Wyoming." *History Today* 21 Aug. 2003: 64-69. Print.

Article in a Newspaper

Gladstone, Valerie. "Martha Graham." *New York Times* 10 Aug. 2003, New England ed., sec. 2: 3. Print.

WEB PAGES

Basic Format

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Page/Document." *Title of the Web Site*. Sponsoring Organization, Publication/Updated Date. Medium of Publication. Date of Access. <URL>.

Examples

Weart, Spencer. "Aerosols: Effects of Haze and Cloud." American Institute of Physics. Web. 3 Jun. 2005. <<http://www.aip.org/history/climate/aerosol.htm>>.

PARENTHETICAL CITATIONS IN TEXT

You should cite your use of "another's words, facts, or ideas." Citations in the text must clearly point to specific sources in the list of works cited.

Citations include the author's name and the page numbers if available.

If an author isn't available, use the first one or two words of the title enclosed in quotation marks.

When a web page lacks numbering, omit page numbers from your parenthetical citations. Do not use page numbers generated on a printout of a web document. PDF documents found on the web will have page numbers that can be used.

Basic Format

(Author's Last Name Page Number) or (Page Number Only)

Work by One Author

(Dodge 114)

Work by Three or Fewer Authors

(Jackson, Follers, and Bettancourt 203)

Work by Four or More Authors

(Fitzwilly, et al. 26)

Citing Volume and Page Numbers of a Multivolume Work

"In the year 1824, some 13,000 black Americans emigrated to Haiti..." (Salzman, Smith, and West 3: 1348).

Citing a Work Listed by Title (no author)

This led to a rule requiring avoidance measures within 500 yards of the whales ("Northern Right Whale" 105).

Two or More Works by the Same Author

... an article about W.P.A. writers (Brinkley, "Unmasking" A15).

"From 1897 to 1917, Storyville...became the world's most famous red-light district" (Brinkley, "American Heritage" 382).

Note: if the author's name is included in a sentence, only the page number need be cited.

Direct Quotes

The author's analysis of occupations reveals that "virtually all female convicts were poor or working-class" (Dodge 114).

Watts and Bahill conclude that "outlawing aluminum bats would produce faster batted-ball speeds" (144).

Paraphrasing or reference to a source

The themes and context of the novel draw on French theory (Freibert 16).

...in his painting of the President (Block, et al. 140).