

MLA BIBLIOGRAPHIC CITATIONS

The following are examples of bibliographic citations using the MLA (Modern Language Association) format. These examples can be used to construct bibliographies at the end of any piece of research. This guide reflects the changes in MLA format taking effect in April 2009.

Book with one author:

Bird, Caroline. *Enterprising Woman*. New York: Norton, 1976. Print.

Author: Last name of the author, first name.

Title: Title of book, subtitle (if any) and a period. Title and subtitle are italicized. Also, main words in title and subtitle are capitalized.

Publication information: Place of publication (state usually not needed), publisher followed by date of publication. Note that "University Press" is abbreviated UP and "University of Oregon Press" would be "U of Oregon P."

Note that all entries in a bibliography finish with a period. A new feature is the addition of the word "Print" at the end of the citation, to indicate the item is in print rather than web-based format.

Additionally, all MLA bibliographic entries now have a medium of publication marker. Most entries will be **Print** or **Web**, but other possibilities include **DVD** or **CD**. Most of these markers will appear at the end of entries; however, markers for Web sources are followed by the date of access.

Book with two authors:

Berelson, Bernard, and Gary A. Steiner. *Human Behavior: An Inventory of Scientific Findings*. New York: Harcourt, 1964. Print.

Format Note: Last name of the author, author's first name, followed by the word "and" then the name of the second author. Note that the second author format is first name followed by last name.

Book with three authors:

Baum, Charlotte, Paula Hyman, and Sonya Michel. *The Jewish Woman in America*. New York: Dial P., 1976. Print.

Book with multiple authors:

Stewart, Marie M., et al. *Business English and Communication*. 5th ed. New York: McGraw, 1978. Print.

Book written by an organization:

Boston Women's Health Book Collective. *Our Bodies, Ourselves: A Book by and for Women*. New York: Simon Schuster, 1971. Print.

Book with an editor:

Silverberg, Robert, ed. *Earth is the Strangest Planet: Ten Stories of Science Fiction*. Nashville: T. Nelson, 1977. Print.

Format Note: Last name, first name, then the abbreviation "ed." Sometimes the editor will appear after the title, depending on the nature of the book.

Section, chapter, or essay in a book or anthology:

Allende, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." *A Hammock beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America*. Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88. Print.

Format Note: In this example, there is a story by Isabel Allende in an anthology edited by Thomas Colchie. At the end of the citation, include the pages where the article, story or essay appeared.

Specific pages in a book:

Leggett, Glenn C., David Mead, and William Charvat. *Prentice-Hall Handbook for Writers*. 8th ed. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1982. 69-76. Print.

Book with more than one edition:

Baugh, Albert C. *A History of the English Language*. 2nd ed. New York: Appleton, 1957. Print.

Work published in several volumes:

Woolf, Virginia. *The Diary of Virginia Woolf*. Ed. Anne Olivier Bell. Vol. 1. New York: Harcourt, 1977. Print.

Article or entry in a popular general reference book:

Goris, Jan-Albert. "Belgian Literature." *Collier's Encyclopedia*. 1983 ed. Print.

"Aging." *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia*. 15th ed. 1983. Print.

Article or entry in a subject reference book:

Freedom of Information. *Encyclopedia of Human Rights*. Ed. Edward Lawson. New York: Taylor & Francis, 1991. 592-595. Print.

Format Note: In a popular reference book such as the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, you don't need to cite the full publication information; but in a more specific subject encyclopedia, you need to include the full publication information.

Article in a magazine:

Begley, Sharon. "A Healthy Dose of Laughter." *Newsweek* 4 Oct. 1982: 74. Print.

Ellison, Nancy, and Diane Smith. "Basic Sharon." *Premiere* May 1993: 63. Print.

Format Note: Magazine article format begins with the author, exactly the same way as a book. Then the title of the article appears, in quote marks, followed by the name of the magazine, italicized. For the date of the article, follow this format: day, month (abbreviated), year (not abbreviated). Then insert a colon, a space, and the page numbers. Finish with a period, and the word "Print".

Magazine article from a library database:

Dineen, Shauna. "The Make-up Labyrinth." *E Magazine: The Environmental Magazine* Dec. 2005: 40-45. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 7 Feb. 2007.

Smith, Kaukab Jhumra. "Shaping a Dream: Oregon Debates Future of Diversity." *Eugene Weekly* 2 Oct. 2003: 19. *Alt-Press Watch*. Web. 12 Apr. 2008.

Format Note: Include:

the author's name (if known)
the full title of the article in quotation marks
the title of the magazine, italicized
the date of the article
the name of the library database, italicized
the word "Web"
the date that you visited the site

Article from a magazine or newspaper website:

McCulley, Russell. "Law vs. Order in New Orleans." *Time.com*. Time Magazine, 14 Feb. 2007. Web. 3 Mar. 2009.

Format Note: Include:

the author's name (if known)
the full title of the article in quotation marks
the title of the magazine's website, italicized
the name of the magazine
the date of the article
the word "Web"
the date that you visited the site

Scholarly journal article from a library database:

Vassy, Zoltan. "A Study of Telepathy by Classical Conditioning." *Journal of Parapsychology* 68.2 (2004): 323-50. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 14 Feb. 2009.

Broadhurst, C. Leigh. "Green Tea Protects Against Oxidative Damage." *Alive: Canadian Journal of Health & Nutrition* 317 (Mar. 2009): 32-33. *Alt HealthWatch*. Web. 18 Apr. 2009.

Format Note: Include:

the author's name (if known)
the full title of the article in quotation marks
the title of the journal, italicized
the volume, date and pagination of the article
the name of the library database, italicized
the word "Web"
the date that you visited the site

Article in a print scholarly journal:

Slack, Warner V., and Douglas Porter. "The Scholastic Aptitude Test: A Critical Appraisal." *Harvard Educational Review* 50 (1980): 154-75. Print.

Maimon, Elaine P. "Cinderella to Hercules: Demythologizing Writing Across the Curriculum." *Journal of Basic Writing* 2.4 (1980): 3-11. Print.

Format Note: In the MLA format, scholarly journals are cited differently than magazines and newspapers. It is sometimes difficult to tell the difference between a magazine and a journal - if you are in doubt, talk to one of your teachers. The format is the same for the author and title of the article, and the title of the journal. The difference is that the scholarly journal includes the volume and issue numbers of the journal, rather than the day and date. The format is the volume number, a period, and the issue number (if any). Next is the year in parentheses, followed by a colon, a space, and the page numbers.

Scholarly journal article from an online journal:

Abbott, Stacey. "A Little Less Ritual and a Little More Fun: The Modern Vampire in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*." *Slayage: The Online Journal of Buffy Studies* 3 (June 2001): n. pag. Web. 5 June 2008.

Shehan, Constance. "Deconstructing Laundry: Gendered Technologies and the Reluctant Design of Household Labor." *Michigan Family Review* 11 (2006): n. pag. Web. 8 Nov. 2008.

Article in a newspaper:

Griffith, John. "Coquille Indians Open Panel-Building Plant." *Oregonian* 27 Sept. 1995: D02. Print.

Anonymous article in a newspaper:

"Show of Titanic Items is Attacked." *New York Times* 11 May 1997, sec. 1: 16. Print.

Format Note: Newspapers are cited the same as magazines, except you may need to include section information; also, the page numbers sometimes include sections, e.g. B3.

Newspaper article from a library database:

Russo, Edward. "City Council Sets Public Hearing on Gas Tax." *Register-Guard* 23 Jan. 2007: E1. *Proquest*. Web. 8 Feb. 2007.

News article from a website:

Lewin, Tamar. "Oregon's Gay Workers Given Benefits for Domestic Partners." *New York Times Online*. New York Times, 10 Dec. 1998. Web. 24 Feb. 2007.

Cohen, Elizabeth. "Five Ways to Avoid Germs While Traveling." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 27 Nov. 2008. Web. 28 Nov. 2008.

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

Format Note: Articles from a newspaper's or news network's own website include the name of the website in italics, followed by the name of the parent organization, not italicized, then a comma, and the date of the news item.

Editorial in a newspaper:

Newcomb, Steven. "The Legacy of Religious Racism in US Indian Law." Editorial. *Indian Country Today* 24 Apr. 2002: A5. Print.

Government publication:

United States. Dept. of Education. National Commission on Excellence in Education. *A Nation at Risk*. Washington: GPO, 1983. Print.

Video recording:

Myths and the Mound Builders. Dir. Graham Shedd. PBS, 1990. Videocassette.

It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. 1946. Republic, 2001. DVD.

Format Note: A video or DVD includes
the name of the item (italicized like a book title)
the director (if known)
the original year of issue (if known)
the studio
the date of the current release
the word "Videocassette" or "DVD" at the end of the entry

Sound recording:

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*. 1911. Read by Helena Bonham Carter. Penguin, 1993. Audiocassette.

Kronos Quartet. *Nuevo*. Nonesuch, 2002. CD.

Format Note: Include
the name of the performer
the title of the CD (italicized like a book title)
the record label
the date of the current release
the word "CD" or "Audiocassette" at the end of the entry

Dissertation:

Hadja, Yvonne P. "Mary's River Kalapuyan: A Descriptive Phonology." Diss. Portland State U, 1976. Print.

Print review:

Bailey, Richard W. "Neologize Much?" Rev. of *Slayer Slang: A Buffy the Vampire Slayer Lexicon*, by Michael Adams. *American Speech* 79.1 (Spring 2004): 92-97. Print.

Online review:

Ebert, Roger. Rev. of *Memento*, dir. Christopher Nolan. *Chicago Sun-Times Online*. Chicago Sun-Times, 13 Apr. 2001. Web. 3 May 2008.

Print interview:

Gordimer, Nadine. Interview. *New York Times* 10 Oct. 1991: C25. Print.

Online interview:

Whedon, Joss. Interview. *The Onion*. 8 Aug. 2007. Web. 28 June 2008.

Website articles or pages:

Futcher, David. "Name That Flag." *Home Page*. 10 Sept. 2008. Web. 4 May 2009.

An entire website:

Victorian Women Writers Project. Ed. Perry Willett. May 2000. Indiana U. Web. 26 June 2009.

Online video:

London, Andy, & Carolyn London. *The Lost Tribes of New York City*. YouTube. YouTube, 2 Apr. 2009. Web. 9 Apr. 2009.

Comic book or graphic novel:

Golden, Christopher, and Tom Sniegowski, writers. *Angel: Strange Bedfellows and Other Stories*. Art by Christian Zanier. Portland: Dark Horse, 2002. Print.

Online map:

"Eugene, Oregon." Map. *Google Maps*. Google, 15 Nov. 2008. Web. 15 Nov. 2008.

Published interview:

Gordimer, Nadine. Interview. *New York Times* 10 Oct. 1991: C25. Print.