

CITING PRINT SOURCES

MLA STYLE

General Rules

- 1.Center the words "Works Cited" one inch from the top of the page. Follow it by two spaces.
- 2.Begin the citations flush left at the left margin.
- 3.Indent the second and all subsequent lines of each citation by 5 spaces or half an inch.
- 4.Citations are double spaced.
- 5.Alphabetize the citations by the first author's last name. If no author is given, use the first word of the title.
- 6.The author's name should appear as it is given in the work cited. Do not use initials unless that is how the cited work lists the given name(s).
- 7.Every important word in the title is capitalized.
- 8.The publisher's name is shortened when possible. See section 7.5 of the MLA Hand book for more examples of shortened publishers' names. **New Rule:** *It is not necessary to give the state after the city.*
- 9.For popular weekly magazines give the complete date in this form: day mon. year. Abbreviate the names of months except for May, June, and July. For monthly popular magazines give the month and year. Do not include volume and issue numbers in these cases even if they are given on the original.
10. **NEW Rule!** *At the end of the citation indicate the **medium of the publication** consulted.*

Books

• **Book with one author:**

Author's last name, first name. *Title of the book*. Place of publication: Publisher, Date of publication.
Medium of publication.

Moran, Emilio F. *People and Nature: An Introduction to Human Ecological Relations*. Malden: Blackwell, 2006. print.

• **Book with two or more authors:**

Author's last name, first name, and second author's name not inverted. *Title of the book*. Place of publication: Publisher, Date of publication. Medium of publication.

Speth, James Gustave, and Peter M. Haas. *Global Environmental Governance*. Washington: Island Press, 2006. print.

• **Book with an editor** *Use this format if citing the entire book. If you only used one essay or part of an anthology see the next section. If there is more than one editor the abbreviation is plural "eds."*

Editor's last name, first name, ed. *Title of book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication.
Medium of publication.

Baland, Jean-Marie, Pranab Bardhan, and Samuel Bowles, eds. *Inequality, Cooperation, and Environmental Sustainability*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 2007. print.

• **Essay or single chapter from an anthology.**

Essay author's last name, first name. "Essay (or chapter) Title." *Title of book*. Ed. Editor's first name Last name. Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication. Start-end page numbers. Medium of publication.

Cardenas, Juan-Camilo. "Wealth Inequality and Overexploitation of the Commons: Field Experiments in Colombia." *Inequality, Cooperation, and Environmental Sustainability*. Ed. Jean-Marie Baland, Pranab Bardhan, and Samuel Bowles. Princeton: Princeton UP, 2007. 287-304. print.

• **Article from subject specific reference work** (*specialized encyclopedia or handbook*)

Article author last name, first name. "Article Title." *Name of Reference Work*. Editor's Name. Edition # (if given). Volume #. Place of publication: Publisher, Date of publication. Article page numbers (only if work does not follow standard alphabetizing by article titles).

McCracken, Ellen. "Sandra Cisneros." *Latino and Latina Writers*. Alan West-Durán, ed. Vol. 1. New York: Scribners, 2004. 229-249. Print.

• **Article from general encyclopedia** (*if your professor allows*)

Article author Last name, first name. "Article Title." *Name of Reference Work*. Edition number OR Edition date. Article page numbers (only if work does not follow standard alphabetizing by article title).

Myers, Oliver T. "Latin America: 8.Culture." *The Encyclopedia Americana*. 1997 ed. Print.

Magazine and Journal Articles

• **Popular Magazine Articles** (*Do not use volume and issue numbers even if they are given*)

Article author Last name, first name. "Article Title." *Name of Magazine*. Day Mon. year, page numbers. medium

Underwood, Anne. "The Green Campus; How to Teach New Respect for the Environment? The 3 R's: Reduce Your Carbon Footprint, Reuse and Recycle." *Newsweek* 20 Aug. 2007, 60. print.

• **Scholarly Journal Articles**

Article author Last name, first name. "Article Title." *Name of Journal* volume number.issue number (year): page numbers. Medium of publication.

Orringer, Nelson R. "Absurd Un-forgetting in García Lorca's 'La Viuda de la Luna'." *Hispanic Journal* 27.2 (2006): 43-56. Print.

Newspaper Articles

• **Newspaper Article with an Author** (If the city name is not part of the newspaper title include it in square brackets after the name of the newspaper.)

Author's last name, first name. "Article Headline." *Newspaper name* [city if needed] day Mon. year, edition information (if there is more than one): Section designation page number. Medium of Publication.

Gillis, Casey. "It's in the (Reusable) Bag." *The News & Advance* [Lynchburg, VA] 20 May 2009: B1. Print.

• **Newspaper Article without an Author**

"Article Headline." *Newspaper name* [city if needed] edition information (if there is more than one): Section designation page number. Medium of Publication.

"Placing Blame for Corals' Demise." *The Washington Post*. 7 Jan. 2008, final ed.: A10+. Print.

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