

A Basic Guide to Bibliographic Citations in MLA style

MLA (Modern Language Association) provides guidelines for writing and documenting research in the humanities, especially literature, culture, and media studies.

Formatting:

- 8.5x11 inch paper, **1" margins** on all sides
- whole text **double-spaced**, legible font (ex: Times New Roman) in 10-12 pt size
- put on a SEPARATE page at the end of paper
- italicize instead of underlining (when word-processing)
- list entries **alphabetically**, according to the first words of each entry
- 1st line of each entry is flush to left margin; all subsequent lines are **indented**
- do not bullet or number entries, no headings/subheadings
- date = Day Month Year (2 Oct. 2010 OR 11 June 2010) May, June, July are not abbreviated.

Title:

- **top, center** (no underline, bold, quotation marks, etc)
- Works Cited (if lists sources of quotations within the paper) or Bibliography (if lists sources not solely quoted)

NEW RULE: add the medium of publication to EACH entry (print, web, MP3 file, CD-ROM, etc). This goes at the end of each entry OR before the day/month/year of access.

Note: Always check with your instructor/teacher regarding his/her own preferences.

Simply crediting a source in your bibliography DOES NOT EXCUSE PLAIGIARISM!

Be sure to properly summarize and/or quote, with proper in-text citations in addition to bibliographic citations.

Bibliography Examples

BOOKS: Author's Last name, First name. *Title of Book*. Editor. Place: Owner/publisher, date of publication. Medium.

One Author

London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2000. Print.

Two or Three Authors

Walker, Alan, and Shipman, Pat. *The Wisdom of the Bones: In Search of Human Origins*. New York: A. A. Knopf, 1993. Print.

Four or More Authors

Sluis, Ralph, et al. *Aircraft of the Korean War*. Chicago: Clarion, 1995. Print.

No Author Given

World of Scientific Discovery. Detroit: Gale Research, 1998. Print.

An Editor but No Single Author

Willis, Roy, ed. *World Mythology*. New York: H. Holt, 1996. Print.

A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY: Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Work." *Name of Anthology*. Editor. Place: Publisher, Date of publication. Page numbers. Medium.

Faulkner, William. "Dry September." *Modern Stories in English, 3rd Edition*. Ed. W.H. New and H.J. Rosengarten. Ontario: Copp Clark Pitman Ltd., 1991. 101-110. Print.

A Previously Published Article in a Collection

McClintock, James, I. "White Logic: Jack London's Short Stories." (1975): 32. Rpt. in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Ed. Dennis Poupard. 9. Detroit: Gale, 1983. 273-275. Print.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS: Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Name of Encyclopedia*. Edition. Date of publication. Medium.

Smiley, J.H. "Tobago." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 1998 ed. Print.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS: Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Name of Source (newspaper, mag)*. Owner/publisher of source. Date of article/publication: page numbers. Medium.

An Article from a Quarterly or Monthly Magazine

Gray, Peter. "Legislative Background: Recent Action on Medical Liability Insurance." *Congressional Digest*. Feb. 2003: 45-47. Print.

An Article from a Weekly Magazine

Fineman, Howard. "Bush and God." *Newsweek*. 10 Mar. 2003: 22-30. Print.

An Article from a Daily Newspaper

Landro, Laura. "Blood Mix-Ups Can Be Deadly, but They Also Can Be Prevented." *The Wall Street Journal*. 27 Feb. 2003: D:4. Print.

INTERVIEWS: An Interview you conducted = person being interviewed. "Title of Interview." Type of Interview. date of interview.

McGowan, William. Personal interview. 25 Feb. 2003.

Other Interview: Name of Interviewer. "Title of Interview." *Sources of Interview (TV show, book, etc)*, Owner/Publisher of Source, Place, date. Medium. Couric, Katie. "Interview with Bill Clinton." *Today*. NBC, WNBC, New York, 5 Nov. 2002. Television.

INTERNET: Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Name of website*. Owner/publisher of website, date of posting/last update/website. Web. Date of last access, URL. Include what is available from the source. n.d. = no date

Professional Site

St. Boniface Diocesan High School. St. Boniface Diocesan High School, 2010. Web. 17 Sept. 2010 <http://www.sbdhs.net>.

Internet Video/YouTube

lucatr. "How to Solve a Rubik's Cube." *YouTube*, 28 Jan. 2008. Web. 24 Sept. 2010 <http://www.youtube.com>.

Blog

Scott, Bryan. "Route 90." *Winnipeg Love Hate*. 20 Sept. 2010. Web. 28 Sept. 2010 <http://www.winnipeglovehate.com>.

IMAGE, PHOTOGRAPH, CLIPART, GIF OR ANIMATION:

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Image." *Name of website*. Owner/publisher of website, date of posting/last update/website. Web. Date of last access, URL. One entry PER image, even if from same website.

"Soccer Ball." Photograph. *Polish News*. 14 May 2008. Web. 23 Sept. 2010 <http://www.polishnews.com>.

"Money Symbol." Animation. *Free Animations*. Free Animations.com., 13 Sept. 2010 <http://freeanimations.com>

Clipart from Microsoft Word/Office/PowerPoint:

"Happy Face." Clipart. *Microsoft Office*. Microsoft Corporation, 2007. CD-ROM. 12 Oct. 2010.

E-MAIL/TEXT/IM: Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Email/Text." Source. Date of email. Medium.

Samson, Adam. "Re: Social Issues." E-mail from the author. 20 Jan. 2010. Email.

MUSIC DOWNLOADS: Artist's Last name, First name. "Title of Song." *Name of website*. Owner/publisher of website, date of website/last update. Web. Date of last access, URL.

Stereo. "Throw Ya Hands Up." *iTunes*. Apple Inc., 2010. Web. 21 Oct. 2010 <http://www.itunes.com>.

Music from CD: Artist's Last name, First name. "Title of Song." *Name of CD*. Owner/publisher of CD, date of CD release.

Dylan, Bob. "Like a Rolling Stone." *Highway 61 Revisited*. Sony, 1 June 2004.

MOVIES/FILMS: *Name of Movie*. Director. Main Performer(s). Producer, date of production.

The Terminator. Dir. James Cameron. Perf. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. Orion, 1984.