

MLA 8th ed. Citation Guide

The new version of the MLA sets out one standard citation format that is applicable to all resources and all formats. This means that whatever type of source you have – a book, an article from a journal or magazine, a T.V. show, or a blog post – its citation should include at least the basic “core elements” shown here.

- 1 Author.
- 2 Title of source.
- 3 Title of container,
- 4 Other contributors,
- 5 Version,
- 6 Number,
- 7 Publisher,
- 8 Publication date,
- 9 Location.

This guide shows you examples for how to use this general rule to create Works Cited and in text citations for books, articles, and other types of sources.

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Citing a Book

	Works Cited Format	In text citation format
General Format	Last Name, First Name. <i>Title of Book</i> . Publisher, Publication Date.	Author's name before or after a quote: (136). Several books by the same author: (Last name, <i>Title</i> 200).
One author	Balio, Tino. <i>Hollywood in the New Millennium</i> . Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.	Last name and a page reference: (Balio 1).
Two authors	Eggins, Suzanna, and Diane Slade. <i>Analyzing Casual Conversation</i> . Cassell, 1997.	Last names and a page reference: (Eggins and Slade 36).
Three or more authors	Gilman, Sander L., et al. <i>Hysteria Beyond Freud</i> . University of California Press, 1993.	(Gilman et al. 83).
No author	<i>Benezit Dictionary of Asian Artists</i> . Oxford University Press, 2012.	<i>Shortened title</i> and page number: (<i>Benezit Dictionary</i> 12).
Anthology with editor	Feldman, Paula R., editor. <i>British Women Poets of the Romantic Era</i> . Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997.	(Feldman 22).
E-book from online database	Macfarlane, Ann, et al. <i>Nursing Older Adults</i> . McGraw, 2012. <i>EBSCO eBook Collection</i> , search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=382479&site=ehost-live.	(Macfarlane et al. 56).

Republished book	Tchaikovsky, Peter Ilich. <i>The Diaries of Tchaikovsky</i> . 1945. Greenwood Press, 1973.	(Tchaikovsky 3).
Essay or chapter in an anthology	Barratt, David. "2005: The Kashmir Earthquake." <i>Notable Natural Disasters</i> , edited by Marlene Bradford, vol. III, Salem Press, 2007, pp. 963-969.	(Barratt 963).
Short story in an anthology	Gordimer, Nadine. "Oral History." <i>The Norton Anthology of World Masterpieces</i> , edited by Maynard Mack, W.W. Norton & Company, 1997, pp. 2923-31.	(Gordimer 2925).
Article in a reference book	"Central America." <i>World Book Encyclopedia</i> . 2001.	Include volume number, a colon, and then the page number (2: 104).

Citing a Journal Article		
	Works Cited Format	In text citation format
General Format	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Work." <i>Journal Title</i> , vol., no., year, pages. <i>Database name</i> , URL or DOI. Date accessed (if applicable).	Author's name before or after a quote: (136). Several articles by the same author: (Last name, "Title" 200).
Print article	Rogers, John. "Electronics for the Human Body." <i>JAMA</i> , vol. 313, no. 6, 2015, pp. 561-67.	(Rogers 565).
Journal article reprinted in a print anthology	Nebeker, Helen E. "The Lottery: Symbolic Tour de Force." <i>Contemporary Literary Criticism</i> , edited by Christopher Giroux, vol. 87, Gale, 1995, pp. 227-29. Originally published in <i>American Literature</i> , vol. 46, no. 1, 1974, pp. 100-07.	(Nebeker 227).

Article from online database	Nurwulan, Nurul Retno, et al. "Posture and Texting: Effect on Balance in Young Adults." <i>Plos ONE</i> , vol. 10, no. 7, 2015, pp. 1-10. <i>Academic Search Complete</i> , doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0134230. Accessed 12 Dec. 2016.	(Nurwulan et al. 2).
Article published on the web	Taylor, Jim. "Buddhism, Copying, and the Art of the Imagination in Thailand." <i>Journal of Global Buddhism</i> , vol. 8, 2015, pp. 1-19, www.globalbuddhism.org/jgb/index.php/jgb/article/view/80/92 . Accessed 12 Dec. 2016.	(Taylor 5).

Citing a Magazine Article

	Works Cited Format	In text citation format
General Format	Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Magazine</i> , date (day month year), pages. <i>Database name</i> , URL or DOI. Date accessed (if applicable).	Author's name before or after a quote: (136). Several articles by the same author: (Last name, "Title" 136).
Print article	Ip, Michael. "A Dramatic Flare." <i>Newsweek</i> , 20 Mar. 2015, pp. 15-17.	(Ip 15).
Article from online database	Davidson, Amy. "Atomic Clocks." <i>The New Yorker</i> , 16 Mar. 2015, p. 19. <i>Academic OneFile</i> , go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=AONE&sw=w&u=cclc_pierce&v=2.1&it=r&id=GALE%7CA405080514&asid=d22955452f57938cf0062acbcef8ca7d . Accessed 12 Dec. 2016.	(Davidson 19).

Citing a Newspaper Article

	Works Cited Format	In text citation format
General Format	Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Newspaper</i> , date (day month year), page. <i>Database name</i> , URL or DOI. Date accessed (if applicable).	Author's name before or after a quote: (A2). Several articles by the same author: (Last name, "Title" A2).
Print article	Tanfani, Joseph. "Immigration Program is up Against the Clock." <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , 21 Feb. 2015, p. A1.	(Tanfani A1).
Article from online database	Fountain, Henry. "Panel Urges Research on Geoengineering as a Tool Against Climate Change." <i>New York Times</i> , 11 Feb. 2015, p. A17. <i>Academic OneFile</i> , go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=AONE&sw=w&u=cclc_pierce&v=2.1&it=r&id=GALE%7CA401071083&asid=f1e9dfe9e9cd4f8043aa67494c1bd550. Accessed 12 Dec. 2016.	(Fountain A17).

Citing a Website

	Works Cited Format	In text citation format
General Format	Author's Last name, First name. <i>Name of Site</i> . Version number, Name of sponsor or publisher of website, date of resource creation (if available), URL or DOI. Date accessed (if applicable).	Include only the first item that appears in the website's Work Cited entry (Author name, or website name for example).
Entire Website	<i>MedlinePlus</i> . U.S. National Institutes of Health, and National Library of Medicine, www.medlineplus.gov/. Accessed 12 Dec. 2016.	(<i>Medline Plus</i>)

Article from website	Khoddam, Rubin. "A New Way of Parenting that May Change Your Family." <i>Psychology Today</i> , 15 Oct. 2015, www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-addiction-connection/201510/new-way-parenting-may-change-your-family .	(Khoddam)
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Citing Images, Videos, Email & Social Media

	Works Cited Format	In text citation format
Image (Painting, Sculpture, or Photo)	Warhol, Andy. <i>Green Coca-Cola Bottles</i> . 1962. Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. <i>The Artchive</i> , www.artchive.com/artchive/W/warhol/warhol_green_coca-cola_bottles.jpg.html . Accessed 12 Dec. 2016.	(Warhol)
Email	Kousar, Mamoon. "Re: Hi!" Received by Susan Student. 15 Aug. 2015.	(Kousar)
Listserv, Discussion Group, or Blog Post	Fox, Essie. "Victoria Woodhull – The First Woman to Stand for the Presidency." <i>The Virtual Victorian</i> , 8 Nov. 2016, www.virtualvictorian.blogspot.com/2016/11/the-first-woman-to-stand-for-presidency.html . Accessed 12 Dec. 2016.	(Fox)
Tweet	@maddow. "Oy vey -- when you see it laid out on the timeline, it's very, very sobering..." <i>Twitter</i> , 12 Dec. 2016, 10:22 a.m., www.twitter.com/maddow/status/808376582217854976 .	(@maddow)
YouTube Video	Stevenson, Bryan. "We Need to Talk about an Injustice." <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by TED Talks, 5 March 2012, www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2tOp7OxyQ8 .	(Stevenson)

Citing Government Publications		
	Works Cited Format	In text citation format
General format for government documents	<p>Author (if applicable). Name of national/state government, government branches, subdivisions or agencies. <i>Title of document</i>. Publisher, year of publication. <u>Optional</u>: Number of Congress, session of Congress, the chamber (House or Senate), and the type and number of the report.</p> <p>As the MLA 8th gives few government source examples, they suggest you consult <i>The Chicago Manual of Style</i> (Z253 .U69 2010) for acceptable formats and examples.</p> <p>Examples below that were derived from the <i>Chicago Manual</i> include the format for bills, public laws, and U.S. Supreme Court cases.</p>	Include first listed element (author or title) and page number (if applicable)
State publication	California, Department of Industrial Relations. <i>Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2014</i> . City of Sacramento, 2014.	(California, Dept. of Industrial Relations 10).
Congressional bills	Homeland Security Act of 2002, H.R. 5005, 107th Cong. (2002).	(Homeland Security Act 10).
Congressional reports	United States, Congress, Senate, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. <i>Hearing on the Geopolitics of Oil</i> . Government Printing Office, 2007. 110th Congress, 1st session, Senate Report 111-8.	(United States, Congress, Senate, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources 10).
U.S. Public Law	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119 (2010).	(Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 121).

U.S. Supreme Court decision (from online source)	Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966). <i>Justia</i> , www.supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/384/436 .	(Miranda v. Arizona 438).
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