

## How to Document Sources in MLA

### Sample Entries:

#### One Author:

##### Book by one author:

Friedman, Alice T. Women and the Making of the Modern House. New Haven: Yale UP, 2007. Print.

##### Two or more books by the same author

In the entry for the first book, include the author's name. In the second entry, substitute three hyphens and a period for the author's name. List the titles of books by the same author in alphabetical order.

Grimsley, Jim. Boulevard. Chapel Hill: Algonquin, 2002. Print.  
 ---. Dream Boy. New York: Simon, 1995. Print.

#### Multiple Authors:

##### Book by two or three authors

The second and subsequent author's names appear first name first.

Burger, Edward B., and Michael Starbird. Coincidences, Chaos, and All that Math Jazz. New York: Norton, 2006. Print.

##### Book by four or more authors

You may use the et al. (meaning: "and others") for all authors but the first, or you may write out all the names. Use the same method in the in-text citations as you do in the works-cited list.

North, Stephen M., et al. Refiguring the Ph.D. in English Studies. Urbana: NCTE, 2000. Print.

**Book with no publication date**

If no year of publication is given, but it can be approximated, put a c. (“circa”) and the approximate date in brackets: [c. 1999]. Otherwise, put n.d. (“no date”).

O’Sullivan, Colin. Traditions and Novelties of the Irish Country Folk. Dublin,  
[c. 1793]. Print.

James, Franklin. In The Valley of the King. Cambridge: Harvard UP, n.d. Print.

**Parts of Books****Introduction, foreword, preface, or afterword**

Give the author and then the name of the specific part being cited. Next, name the book. Then, if the author for the whole work is different, put that author’s name after the word By. Place inclusive page numbers at the end.

Benstock, Sheri. Introduction. The House of Mirth. By Edith Wharton.  
Boston: Bedford-St. Martin’s, 2002. 3-24. Print.

**Selection from an anthology or edited collection**

Sedaris, David. “Full House.” The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2004.  
Ed. Dave Eggers. Boston: Houghton, 2004. 350-58. Print.

**Article in a reference work:**

“Utilitarianism.” The Columbia Encyclopedia. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2001. Print.

**Multivolume Works:****One volume of a multivolume work**

Samuel, Raphael. Theatres of Memory. Vol. 1 London: Verso, 1999. Print.

**Article in a Magazine:**

Cite by listing the article's author, putting title of the article in quotations marks, and italicizing the periodical title. Follow with the date of publication. Remember to abbreviate the month.

Poni, James. "TV Makes a Too-Close Call." *Time* 20 Nov. 2000: 70-71. Print.

**Cite a newspaper article** as you would a magazine article, but note the different pagination in a newspaper.

Baker, Bill. "New Health Center Targets County's Uninsured Patients." *Washington Post* 24 May 2007: Health1. Print.

**Anonymous Articles:**

Cite the article first, and finish the citation as you would any other author for that kind of periodical.

"Business: Global Warming's Boom Town; Tourism in Cleveland." *The Economist* 26 May 2007: 82. Print.

**Basic Style of Citations of Electronic Sources (Including Online Databases)**

- Author and/or editors (if available)
- Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
- Title of the Website, project, or book in italics. (Remember that some Print publications have Web publications with slightly different names. They may, for example, include the additional information or otherwise modified information, like domain names [e.g. com or .net])
- Any version numbers available, including the publisher name and publishing date.
- Publisher information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
- Take note of any page numbers (if available)
- Medium of publication
- Date you accessed the material
- URL (if required, or for you own personal reference)

### **When do you list a URL?**

MLA style no longer requires including URLs of web sources. URLs are of limited value because they change frequently, and they can be specific to an individual search. Include the URL as supplementary information only when your readers probably cannot locate the source without the URL.

### **Sample works-cited entries for Web publications**

#### **Publication by a known author**

Boerner, Steve. "Leopold Mozart." The Mozart Project: Biography. Mozart Project, 21 Mar. 1998. Web. 30 Oct. 2008.

#### **Publication by a group or organization**

"State of the Birds." Audubon. National Audubon Society, 2008. Web. 19 Aug. 2008.

#### **Publication on the Web with print publication data**

Include the print publication information. Then give the name of the Web site or database in italics, the medium of publication (Web), and the date of access (day, month, and year).

Kirsch, Irwin S., et al. *Adult Literacy in America*. Darby: Diane, 1993. *Google Scholar*. Web. 30 Oct. 2008.

#### **PDFs and digital files**

Glaser, Edward L., and Albert Saiz. "The Rise of Skilled City." Discussion Paper No. 2025. Harvard Institute of Economic Research. Cambridge: Harvard U. 2003. PDF file.

#### **Articles in a scholarly journal on the web**

Fleckenstein, Kristies. "Who's Writing? Association Ethos and the Author's Position in Digital Poetics." *Kairos* 11.3 (2007): n.p. Web 6 Apr. 2008.

**Article in a newspaper on the Web**

Brown, Patricia Leigh. "Australia in Somoma." *New York Times*. New York Times, 5 July. 2008. Web. 3 Aug. 2008.

**Article in a popular magazine on the Web**

List the name of the newspaper in italics, followed by a period and the publisher's name. Follow the publisher's name with a comma. If no publisher is available, use n.p. The first date is the date of publication; the second is the date of access.

Brown, Patricia Leigh. "The Wild Horse Is Us." *Newsweek*. Newsweek, 1 July 2008. Web. 12 Dec. 2008.

**Book on the Web**

If the book were printed and then scanned, give the print publication information. Then give the name of the database or Web site in italics, the medium of publication (Web), and the date of access (day, month, and year).

Prebish, Charles S., and Kenneth K. Tanner. *The Faces of Buddhism in America*. Berkeley: U of California P, 2003 esScholarship Editions. Web. 2 May 2009.