

MLA Citation Style-9th Edition

This handout covers the latest version of MLA Citation Style. For further detail you may consult the *MLA Handbook 9th edition*, located in the MPC Library reference section at call number **REF LB 2369 .M52 2021**.

In the next few pages are examples of some of the more common sources that you cite when writing research papers. These are good examples/guides to help you when doing your citations. There is also more information on some of the specific rules at the end of this handout.

Author Formatting

Single Author	<p>Last Name, First Name.</p> <p>Vonnegut, Kurt. <i>Cat's Cradle</i>. Penguin, 1965.</p>
Two Authors	<p>1st Author listed is Last Name, First Name, 2nd Author listed is First Name Last Name.</p> <p>Ellis, Catherine, and Stephen Drury Smith. <i>Free All Along: The Robert Penn Warren Civil Rights Interviews</i>. The New Press, 2017.</p>
Three or More Authors	<p>Only name the 1st Author listed by Last Name, First Name, followed by et al.</p> <p>Green, Matthew, et al. "Elite Rugby Players' Attitudes Towards Sport Psychology Consulting." <i>Sport & Psychology Review</i>, vol. 8, no. 1, Feb. 2012, pp. 32-44.</p>
Corporate/Organization Author	<p>Put corporate author at the beginning of the citation.</p> <p>United Nations. <i>Consequences of Rapid Population Growth in Developing Countries</i>. Taylor and Francis, 1991.</p>
Corporate/Organization Author (Is Also the Publisher of the Book)	<p>If the author is also the publisher, start the citation with the book title and just put the corporate author as the publisher.</p> <p><i>MLA Handbook</i>. 9th ed. Modern Language Association of America, 2021.</p>
Unknown/No Author listed	<p>If author is not named or unknown, leave author field blank and start with the next thing in the citation (in this case the book title).</p> <p><i>Go Ask Alice</i>. Simon & Schuster, 2006.</p>

Books

Book With Author	Author. Title of Book. Publisher, Year of Publication. Pollan, Michael. <i>The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals</i> . Penguin, 2007.
Book eBook from an Online Library Database **	Author(s). Book Title. Edition (if listed), Publisher, Year of Publication. Database Name, URL (permalink or truncated). Nachel, Marty. <i>Homebrewing for Dummies</i> . 2 nd ed., For Dummies, 2008. <i>EBSCOhost</i> , libproxy.mpc.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=225672&site=ehost-live&scope=site.
Book eBook version of a published work not from a database or website	Author. Title of Book. E-book ed., Publisher, Year of Publication. Chernow, Ron. <i>Grant</i> . E-book ed., Penguin Books, 2017.
Book eBook published on a website	Author. Book Title. Publisher, Year of Publication. Website Name, URL. Berkey, Dennis D. <i>Calculus</i> . 2 nd ed., Saunders College Publishers, 1988. <i>Open Library</i> , openlibrary.org/books/OL2396751M/Calculus.
Book With Editor	Editor. Book Title. Publisher, Year of Publication. Foner, Eric, editor. <i>Voices of Freedom: A Documentary History</i> . W.W. Norton, 2014.
Book With Author and Editor	Author. Book Title. Editor(s), Publisher, Year of Publication. Hemingway, Ernest. <i>Letters of Ernest Hemingway Volume 1, 1907-1922</i> . Edited by Sandra Spanier and Robert W. Trogdon, Cambridge UP, 2011.
Book Chapter or Work in an Anthology or Compilation	Author. "Title of Work." Book Title, Editor, Publisher, Year of Publication, Page Numbers. Twain, Mark. "Advice to Youth." <i>The Norton Reader</i> , edited by Linda H. Peterson, W.W. Norton, 2008, pp. 677-679.
Book With a Later Edition	Author(s). Book Title. Edition, Publisher, Year of Publication. Fuentes, Agustin. <i>Biological Anthropology: Concepts and Connections</i> . 2 nd ed., McGraw-Hill, 2012.

Academic/Scholarly Journal Articles

<p>Journal Article in an Online Library Database**</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i>, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, Original Page Numbers. <i>Database Name</i>, URL (permalink or truncated).</p> <p>Roessler, Carl. “The Early Days of Great White Shark Cage Diving.” <i>Journal of Diving History</i>, vol. 20, no. 3, 2012, pp. 11-21. <i>EBSCOhost</i>, libproxy.mpc.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=98513685&site=ehost-live&scope=site.</p>
<p>Journal Article from an Online Library Database with a DOI number</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i>, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s). <i>Database Name</i>, DOI Number.</p> <p>Dolman, Sarah J., and Michael Jasny. “Evolution of Marine Noise Pollution Management.” <i>Aquatic Mammals</i>, vol. 41, no. 4, 2015, pp. 357-374. <i>EBSCOhost</i>, https://doi.org/10.1578/AM.41.4.2015.357.</p>
<p>Journal Article from an Online Journal with a DOI number</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i>, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, DOI number.</p> <p>Biggs, Paul Robert, et al. “Which Osteoarthritic Gait Features Recover Following Total Knee Replacement Surgery?” <i>PLoS ONE</i>, vol. 14, no. 1, 2019, https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0203417.</p>
<p>Journal Article from an Online Journal without a DOI number</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i>, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, URL.</p> <p>Clement, Tanya E., and Liz Fischer. “Audiated Annotation from the Middle Ages to the Open Web.” <i>Digital Humanities Quarterly</i>, vol. 15, no. 1, 2021, www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/15/1/000512/000512.html.</p>
<p>Journal Article from hard copy printed journal</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i>, volume number, issue number, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).</p> <p>Green, Matthew, et al. “Elite Rugby Players’ Attitudes Towards Sport Psychology Consulting.” <i>Sport & Psychology Review</i>, vol. 8, no. 1, Feb. 2012, pp. 32-44.</p>

** See page 195-196 of MLA Handbook for more information on the use of URLs. If the permalink is too long you can use the truncated version of the database URL...for example instead of the complete URL for an article from an EBSCOhost database, you could truncate it to: search.ebscohost.com (other databases would have a different truncated URL).

Magazine Articles

<p>Magazine Article in an Online Library Database**</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Magazine or Newspaper Title</i>, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s). <i>Database Name</i>, URL (permalink or truncated).</p> <p>Kita, Paul, et al. “The Beers of Summer.” <i>Men’s Health</i>, July/Aug. 2019, pp. 112-115. <i>EBSCOhost</i>, libproxy.mpc.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=137123479&site=ehost-live&scope=site.</p>
<p>Magazine Article from a Website</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Magazine Title</i>, Date of Publication, URL.</p> <p>Abramson, Alana. “How a Coalition of Business and Labor Groups Helped Save the Infrastructure Bill.” <i>Time</i>, 30 July 2021, time.com/6085184/business-labor-congress-infrastructure/.</p>
<p>Magazine Article from a hard copy printed magazine</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Magazine Title</i>, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).</p> <p>Hiatt, Brian. “Monterey Pop.” <i>Rolling Stone</i>, 12 July 2007, pp. 93-94.</p>

Newspaper Articles

<p>Newspaper Article from an Online Library Database**</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Newspaper Title</i>, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s). <i>Database Name</i>, URL (permalink or truncated)</p> <p>Hernandez, Melissa. “Pilot Dies in Crash as Small Plane Hits Monterey Home.” <i>Los Angeles Times</i>, 14 July 2021, p. B5. <i>ProQuest</i>, libproxy.mpc.edu/login?url=https://www-proquest-com.libproxy.mpc.edu/newspapers/pilot-dies-crash-as-small-plane-hits-monterey/docview/2550988691/se-2?accountid=42398.</p>
<p>Newspaper Article from the Newspaper’s Web Site</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Newspaper Title</i>, Date of Publication, URL of Website.</p> <p>Wingfield, Nick. “Amazon Proves Infertile Soil for Unions, So Far.” <i>New York Times</i>, 16 May 2016, www.nytimes.com/2016/05/17/technology/amazon-proves-infertile-soil-for-unions-so-far.html.</p>
<p>Newspaper Article from a hard copy printed newspaper</p>	<p>Author(s). “Article Title.” <i>Newspaper Title</i>, Date of Publication, Original Page Number(s).</p> <p>Maxmen, Amy. “Desperate to Receive Covid Care.” <i>New York Times</i>, 22 June 2021, p. D1.</p>

General Websites

Website Written and Published by an Organization	<i>Title of Website. Publisher of Website, Date of Creation, URL of Website.</i> <i>Sharks.</i> Monterey Bay Aquarium, 2021, www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/animals-a-to-z/sharks .
Blog Post/Webpage with author	Author. “Title of Blog Post/Webpage.” <i>Blog/Website Name, Date of Post/Creation, URL of Blog/Website.</i> Grunwald, Sarah. “Wine and Chinese Food: 7 Delicious Pairings.” <i>Wine Folly</i> , 26 May 2020, winefolly.com/wine-pairing/wine-and-chinese-food-7-delicious-pairings/ .
YouTube Video (Author is also the Uploader of Video)	Author/Uploader of Video. “Title of Video.” <i>YouTube, Date of Creation or Upload, URL of Website.</i> Monterey Jazz Festival. “2015 Next Generation Jazz Orchestra at MJF58.” <i>YouTube</i> , 4 Nov. 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHZpON1hV44 .
YouTube Video (Author is different than the Uploader of Video)	Author of Video. “Title of Video.” <i>YouTube, uploaded by Uploader, Date of Creation or Upload, URL of Website.</i> Musk, Elon. “The Future We’re Building-and Boring.” <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by TED Talks, 3 May 2017, www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIwLWfaAg-8 .
Tweet from Twitter Website	Name [Twitter handle]. “Beginning of tweet.” <i>Twitter, date, URL of post.</i> President Biden Tweet [@POTUS]. “The future of the auto industry is electric.” <i>Twitter</i> , 5 Aug. 2021, twitter.com/POTUS/status/1423366481753133063 .

Citing Resources from Apps

Movie/Video Viewed in an App	<i>Movie Title. Director of movie. Studio, Year. App name app.</i> <i>Harold and Maude.</i> Directed by Hal Ashby. Paramount, 1971. <i>Netflix</i> app.
TV Show viewed in an App	“Episode Title.” Director of episode. <i>TV Show Title, season, episode, Studio, Broadcast Date. App name app.</i> “All Due Respect.” Directed by Steve Shill. <i>The Wire</i> , season 3, episode 2, HBO, 26 Sept. 2004. <i>Amazon Prime Video</i> app.
Tweet from Twitter Mobile App	Name [Twitter handle]. “Beginning of tweet.” <i>Twitter, date.</i> Vindman, Alexander S. [@AVindman]. “A powerful story of doing the right thing...” <i>Twitter</i> , 5 Aug. 2021.

General Guidelines for the Whole Works Cited Page

1. Center the title **Works Cited**, one inch from the top of the page.
2. Double space between the title and the first entry.
3. Each entry should begin flush with the left margin. If the entry is more than one line, indent the next line or lines one-half inch (or 5 spaces).
4. Make sure each individual citation is double spaced and that the entire works cited page is uniformly double spaced.
5. Alphabetize the list.

Guidelines for the Specifics within Each Citation

1. Capitalize all significant words **except for** grammatical articles (a, an, the), prepositions and conjunctions. **Capitalize** grammatical articles, prepositions and conjunctions when they are the first word of a title or subtitle.
2. Dates should be in MLA format as Day Month Year. All months are abbreviated except for May, June and July, which are spelled out. The abbreviations are:
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.
Example: 6/30/16 should be 30 June 2016. 10/3/16 should be 3 Oct. 2016
3. If there is a season in the date (summer, fall, winter, spring), those words are in lower case and listed before the year. Example: ...vol. 5, no. 2, fall 2021,...
4. When listing authors only the very first author is last name, first name. Any person listed after the first person is first name last name.
5. Italicize **Book Titles**, **Periodical Titles** and **Database Names**
6. For journal article citations you include the volume and/or issue number. Put **vol.** before the volume number and **no.** before the issue number.
7. When including page numbers, put **pp.** before the page numbers listed. If you are listing just a single page number then just put a single **p.** before it.

Guidelines for Websites and Databases

1. When citing a website include the URL/Web address of the webpage but **do not include** 'http://' or 'https://' in the address (unless it is a doi number, then see #3 below)
2. When citing a **website** look for a date of creation for that page/work. If you do not see one, then look for a copyright date at the bottom of the page and use that. If there is no date, then do not include one and continue to the next part of component of your citation.
3. When citing a journal article from a database or a website, if a DOI number is included (a digital object identifier) then put the DOI at the end of your citation starting it with: [https://doi.org/.....](https://doi.org/)
4. When doing a citation, when putting a URL at the end, start it on the same line that the citation information ends (do not start the URL on a new line unless there is little room on the line above) and make a line break for the URL for the next line at a good spot

Guidelines for Citing Resources from Apps

1. When citing sources from apps, cite the information needed and add the app name at the end of the citation. See examples on the previous page.