

SJRCC Libraries' Guide to Preparing MLA Style Bibliographies

Source: MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. New York: MLA. 7th edition.

Web Sites Elements to include:

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Article from an online magazine (not accessed from an online database)

Tyre, Peg. "Standardized Tests in College?" *Newsweek*. Newsweek, 16 November 2007. Web. 4 April 2009.

Article from a news web site or online newspaper (not accessed from an online database)

Wald, Matthew. "As Nuclear Waste Languishes, Expense to U.S. Rises." *New York Times*. New York Times, 17 February 2008. Web. 4 April 2009.

Professional site (sponsored or produced by a company, organization, or government agency)

Bren, Linda. "Animal Cloning and Food Safety." *U.S. Food & Drug Administration, FDA*. March/April 2007. Web. 4 April 2009.

Scholarly project or educational web site

Ashmawy, Alaa, ed. *The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*. Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of South Florida, 7 January 2009. Web. 4 April 2009.

Barnstone, Willis. "An ABC of Translating Poetry." *Poets.org*. The Academy of American Poets, 1993. Web. 30 April 2009.

Online Databases

Citing an Article (Scholarly Journal) from an Online Subscription Database (MLA, sec. 5.6.4)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Journal* Journal's volume.issue # (year of publication): page number(s). *Title of database*. Medium of publication [Web]. Date of researcher's access.

Citing an Article (Non-Scholarly Journal) from an Online Subscription Database (MLA, sec. 5.6.4)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Title of Magazine* Magazine's issue date: page number(s). *Title of database*. Medium of publication [Web]. Date of researcher's access.

Academic Search Complete

Non-Scholarly Journal

Scaliger, Charles. "The New GM: Government Made." *New American* 27 April 2009: 20-22. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 30 April 2009.

Scholarly Journal

Leon, Tony. "An Imperfect Democracy." *Harvard International Review* 30.1 (2008): 50-53. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 24 April 2009.

America's Newspapers

"Water Officials Defends Bottler Stance." *The Orlando Sentinel* 15 April 2009: B3. *America's Newspapers*. Web. 24 April 2009.

Opposing Viewpoints

An original Opposing Viewpoints entry (not from a magazine):

Lemieux, Jeff. "Tax Credits Should Be Used to Expand Health." *Health Care*.

Ed. Karen Balkin. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2004. *Opposing Viewpoints*. Web. 24 April 2009.

BOOKS and INTERVIEWS

Citing a Book by a Single Author (MLA 5.5.2)

Author's name. *Title of the book*. City: Publishing Company, Year book was published. Print.

Kaku, Michio. *Hyperspace: A Scientific Odyssey Through Parallel Universes, Time Warps, and the Tenth Dimension*. New York: Oxford UP, 1994. Print.

Citing a Book by Two or More Authors (MLA 5.5.4)

Give the authors names in the same order as on the title page-not necessarily in alphabetical order. Reverse only the name of the first author, add a comma, and give the other name(s) in normal form. For more than three authors either give the first author only followed by et al. ("and others") or all names in full in the order in which they appear.

Jakobson, Roman and Linda R. Waugh. *The Sound Shape of Language*.

Bloomington: Indiana UP, 1979. Print.

Quirk, Randolph, et al. *A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language*. London: Longman, 1985. Print.

Citing a Book with only an Editor (MLA 5.5.3)

Title of the book. Ed. Editor's name. City: Publishing Company, Year book was published. Print.

Immigration. Ed. Mary Williams. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2004. Print.

Citing Two or More Books by the Same Author (MLA 5.3.4)

To cite two or more books by the same authors, give the names in the first entry only. Thereafter, in place of the names, type three hyphens, followed by a period and the *title*. Books are listed alphabetically by title.

Gilbert, Sandra M. *Blood Pressure*. New York: Norton, 1989. Print.

---. *Emily's Bread: Poems*. New York: Norton, 1984. Print.

Citing an Online Book (eBook) (MLA 5.6.2)

To cite an electronic book Author's name. Title of the book (*italicized*) Editor/Compiler (if relevant), City: Publishing Company, Year book was originally published. Electronic publication information (*italicized*). Medium of Publication (Web). Date of access.

Hogan, James C. *A Commentary on the Plays of Sophocles*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois Univ. Press, 1991. *LINCC eBooks*. Web. 24 April 2009.

A Work in an Anthology (MLA 5.5.6)

To cite an essay, short story, poem, etc. that appears in an anthology first give the basic citation and then the anthology information followed by the compiler (Comp.), editor (Ed.), translator (Trans.) if required. Then give the publication information and page numbers.

Allendale, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden. *A Hammock Beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America*. Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88. Print.

To cite a previously published item cite original publication information, add Rpt. in ("reprinted in") followed by the new publication facts.

Holladay, Hillary. "Narrative Space of Ann Petry." *Xavier Review* 1996: 21-35. Rpt. in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Ed. Linda Pavolski and Scott Darga. Vol. 112. Detroit: Gale, 2002. 356-62. Print.

Parenthetical Citation (MLA 6.4.2)

Author's name in text: Tannen always proved his point (178-85).

Author's name is on the works cited page: This point has already been argued (Tannen 178-85).

Citing Indirect Source (MLA 6.4.7)

When using someone's published account of another's spoken remark you will cite the indirect source put qtd. in ("quoted in") before the indirect citation.

Parenthetical Reference: Samuel Johnson admitted that Edmund Burke was an "extraordinary man" (qtd. in Boswell 2: 450).

Work Cited Page: Boswell, James. *The Life of Johnson*. Ed. George B. Hill and L.F. Powell, 6 vols. Oxford: Clarendon, 1934-50. Print.

Citing a Personal Interview (MLA 5.7.7)

Give the name of the person being interviewed, the kind of interview (e-mail interview, personal interview, telephone interview) and then the date the interview took place.

Goodkind, Mary. Personal interview. 30 April 2009.