

# MLA Style Guide



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<b>Examples of in-text citations</b>	
Examples of in-text citations are found on pages 237-260 (chapter 6) of the <u>MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.</u>	
<b>Entire Work</b> (book, article or electronic sources)	Fukuyama's <u>Our Posthuman Future</u> includes many examples of this trend.
<b>1 Author</b> (part of a work)	Tannen has argued this point (175-85). This point has already been argued (Tannen 178-85).
<b>2 or More Authors</b> (part of a work)	Others, like Jakobson and Waugh (210-15), hold the opposite point of view. Others hold the opposite point of view (e.g., Jakobson and Waugh 210-15).
<b>Groups as Authors</b>	According to a study sponsored by the National Research Council, the population of China around 1990 was increasing by more than fifteen million annually (15).
<b>Indirect Sources</b> (second-hand quotes)	Samuel Johnson admitted that Edmund Burke was an "extraordinary man" (qtd. in Boswell 2: 450).
<b>Journal Articles</b>	Between 1968 and 1988, television coverage of presidential elections changed dramatically (Hallin 5).
<b>Newspaper Articles</b>	Repetitive strain injury, or RSI, is reported to be "the fastest-growing occupational hazard of the computer age" (Taylor A1).
<b>Multiple Works</b>	Several studies (Smith, 2001; Jones, 1999).
<b>Multivolume Work</b> (encyclopedias etc.)	The anthology by Lauter and his coeditors contains both Stowe's "Sojourner Truth, the Libyan Sibyl" (1: 2530-38) and Gilman's "The Yellow Wallpaper" (2: 606-19). ( <i>volume: page numbers</i> )

<b>Examples of Quotations</b>	
Examples of quotations are found on pages 237-260 (Chapter 6) and also pages 77-130 (Chapter 3).	
<b>Short Quotations</b>	In the late Renaissance, Machiavelli contended that human beings were by nature “ungrateful” and “mutable” (1240), and Montaigne through them “miserable and puny” (1343).
<b>Long Quotations</b> (more than 4 lines long)	John K. Mahon adds a further insight to our understanding of the War of 1812:  Financing the war was very difficult at the time. Baring Brother, a banking firm of the enemy country, handled routine accounts for the United States overseas, but the firm would take on no loans. The loans were in the end absorbed by wealthy Americans at great hazard—also, as it turned out, at great profit to them. (385)

<b>Examples of References</b>	
Examples of references used in the list of works cited are found on pages 139-235 (Chapter 5).	
<b>PRINT SOURCES – BOOKS</b>	
<b>One Author</b>	Manning, George P. <u>A Study of Discourse</u> . New York: Pantheon, 1999.
<b>Two or More Authors</b>	Roland, Oliver, George P. Manning, and Claude S. Sanders. <u>Discourse Studies</u> . New York: Pantheon, 2000.
<b>Four or More Authors</b>	Quirk, Randolph, et al. <u>A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language</u> . London: Longman, 1985.
<b>Group Author as Publisher</b>	National Research Council. <u>China and Global Change: Opportunities for Collaboration</u> . Washington: Natl. Acad., 1992.
<b>Edited Book</b>	Weisser, Susan Ostrov, ed. <u>Women and Romance: A Reader</u> . New York: New York UP, 2001.
<b>Work in an Anthology</b>	More, Hannah. “The Black Slave Trade: A Poem.” <u>British Women Poets of the Romantic Era</u> . Ed. Paula R. Feldman. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1997. 472-82.
<b>Encyclopedia Article</b> (Well known source)	Sadie, Stanley, ed. <u>The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians</u> . 20 vols. <i>*When citing familiar ref books, especially those with multiple editions, do not give full publication information. List only the edition, the year and the publication.</i>
<b>Encyclopedia Article</b> (Less familiar source)	Allen, Anita L. “Privacy in Health Care.” <u>Encyclopedia of Bioethics</u> . Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. ed. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 1995.

<b>Dictionary Entry</b> (Well known source)	“Rhetoric.” <u>Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary</u> . 10 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1993. <i>*When citing familiar ref books, especially those with multiple editions, do not give full publication information. List only the edition, the year and the publication.</i>
<b>Dictionary Entry</b> (Less familiar source)	Le Patourel, John. “Normans and Normandy.” <u>Dictionary of the Middle Ages</u> . Ed. Joseph R. Strayer. 13 vols. New York: Scribner’s, 1987.

<b>PRINT SOURCES – JOURNALS/NEWSPAPERS</b>	
<b>Journal Article</b>	Craner, Paul M. “New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music.” <u>Computers and the Humanities</u> 25 (1991): 303-313.  Author’s name. “Title of the article.” <u>Title of Periodical</u> volume (date): page numbers(s).
<b>Magazine</b>	Whitford, Ben. “Who Gets the Organs?” <u>Newsweek</u> 28 Nov. 2005: 49.  <i>*do not give issue or volume number, just the date and page(s)</i>
<b>Newspaper Article</b>	Manning, Anita. “Curriculum Battles from Left and Right.” <u>USA Today</u> 2 Mar. 1994: 5D.  Author. “Title of the Article.” Title of the Newspaper day month year, name of edition (if applicable): page number(s).
<b>ERIC Document (microfiche)</b>	Fuss-Reineck, Marilyn. Sibling Communication in Star Trek: The Next Generation: Conflicts between Brothers. Miami: Speech Communication Assn., 1993. ERIC Document Reproduction Service ED364932.

<b>ELECTRONIC SOURCES – DATABASES</b>	
See also <a href="http://www.indiana.edu/~libugls/publications/electronic_mls.html">www.indiana.edu/~libugls/publications/electronic_mls.html</a> or <a href="http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html">http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html</a>	
<b>Full-Text Article (from an online journal database)</b>	Youakim, Sami. “Work-Related Asthma.” <u>American Family Physician</u> 64 (2001): 1839-52. <u>Health Reference Center Academic</u> . <u>InfoTrac</u> . <u>WU Mabee Library</u> . 12 Jan. 2004 < <a href="http://www.galegroup.com">http://www.galegroup.com</a> >.
<b>Full-Text Encyclopedia Article (from an online database)</b>	“Fresco Painting.” <u>Encyclopaedia Britannica Online</u> . 2002. <u>Encyclopaedia Britannica</u> . <u>WU Mabee Library</u> . 30 Nov. 2005 < <a href="http://0-search.eb.com.lib.wuacc.edu/">http://0-search.eb.com.lib.wuacc.edu/</a> >.
<b>Journal Article (available only on the internet)</b>	Denning, Peter J. “Business Designs for the New University.” <u>Educom Review</u> 31.6 (1996). 23 June 1998 < <a href="http://educom.edu/web/pubs/review/reviewArticles/31620.html">http://educom.edu/web/pubs/review/reviewArticles/31620.html</a> >.  Author. “Title of Article.” <u>Journal Name</u> . Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Date of Access <URL>.

<b>Web Page Electronic Text</b>	<p>Latner, Richard B. <i>Crisis at Fort Sumter</i>. 1996. Tulane University. 14 Feb. 1998 &lt;<a href="http://www.tulane.edu/~latner/CrisisMain.html">http://www.tulane.edu/~latner/CrisisMain.html</a>&gt;.</p> <p>Author. <i>Site Title</i>. Date posted. Publisher or Name of Organization Associated with the Site. Date of access &lt;URL&gt;.</p> <p><i>*Note: If no author, then start with the title of the Web site.</i></p>
<b>Online Newspaper</b>	<p>Markoff, John. "The Voice on the Phone Is Not Human, but It's Helpful." <u>New York Times on the Web</u>. 21 June 1998. 25 June 1998 &lt;<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/library/tech/98/06biztech/articles/21voice.html">http://www.nytimes.com/library/tech/98/06biztech/articles/21voice.html</a>&gt;.</p> <p>Author. "Title." <u>Title of Newspaper or Newswire</u>. Publication Date. Date of access &lt;URL&gt;.</p> <p><i>*Note: If no author, then start with the title of the article.</i></p>
<b>ERIC Document (ED) Online from ERIC.ed.gov</b>	<p>Bradburn, Ellen M., David G. Hurst, and Samuel Peng. "Community College Transfer Rates to 4-Year Institutions Using Alternative Definitions of Transfer. Research and Development Report." (2001): 110. <u>ERIC</u>. Inst. of Education Sciences, Dept. of Education, Washington. ED454301. 30 Nov. 2001 &lt;<a href="http://www.eric.ed.gov/">http://www.eric.ed.gov/</a>&gt;.</p> <p>Author. "Title of Article." (Date Published):pg#. <u>ERIC</u>. Inst. of Education Sciences, Dept. of Education, Washington. EDnumber. Date accessed &lt;<a href="http://www.eric.ed.gov/">http://www.eric.ed.gov/</a>&gt;.</p>
<b>ERIC Journal (EJ) Online from ERIC.ed.gov</b>	<p>Rop, Sheryl and Charles Rop. "The Art and Science of Building a Classroom Library." <u>Science and Children</u> 42.6: 50-51. <u>ERIC</u>. Inst. of Education Sciences, Dept. of Education, Washington. EJ721552. 2 Feb. 2006 &lt;<a href="http://www.eric.ed.gov/">http://www.eric.ed.gov/</a>&gt;.</p> <p>Author. "Title of Article." <u>Journal Name</u> vol.issue (Date): pages. <u>ERIC</u>. Inst. of Education Sciences, Dept. of Education, Washington. EJnumber. Date Accessed &lt;<a href="http://www.eric.ed.gov/">http://www.eric.ed.gov/</a>&gt;.</p>

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<b>OTHER</b>	
<b>Interview</b>	Hyman, Earle. Reading of Shakespeare's <u>Othello</u> . Symphony Space, New York. 28 Mar. 1994. <i>(Give the event an appropriate title or name).</i>
<b>Sound Recording</b>	Ellington, Duke, cond. <u>First Carnegie Hall Concert</u> . Duke Ellington Orchestra. Rec. 23 Jan. 1943. LP. Prestige, 1977.
<b>Legal Documents</b>	NOTE: If frequently citing legal documents such as hearings, acts, cases, etc. consult <i>The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation</i> .  New York Times Co. v. Tasini. No 00-201. Supreme Ct. of the US. 25 June 2001.
<b>Film of Video Recording</b>	<u>It's a Wonderful Life</u> . Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. DVD. RKO, 1946.  <i>*You may include other data that seems pertinent- such as the names of performers, producers, etc. - between the title and the distributor.</i>



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