



Library and Learning Resources

CITATION FORMATS for PRINT RESOURCES

Based on the MLA Handbook 6th edition

- All the elements shown in the bibliographic citation formats below are not always available. Supply as much information as possible for each source.
- These examples use 1 ½ spaces between lines to save space, but MLA requires double spacing.

Books

SINGLE AUTHOR Author (last name, first name). Title of book. Place of publication: publisher, date of publication.

Example: West, Cornel. Race Matters. Boston: Beacon, 1993.

TWO OR MORE AUTHORS First author(last name, first name), additional authors (first name last name). Title of book. Place of publication: publisher, date of publication.

Example: Leana, Carrie R., and Daniel C. Feldman. Coping with Job Loss: How Organizations and Communities Respond to Layoffs. New York: Lexington, 1992.

Articles from a Reference Book

GENERAL Author of article (last name, first name). "Title of article." Title of reference book. Edition if given. Date of publication.

Example: "Mandarin." The Encyclopedia Americana. 2nd ed. 1989.

SPECIALIZED Author of article (last name, first name). "Title of article." Title of reference book. Editor(s). Edition if given. Number of volumes. Place of publication: publisher, date of publication.

Example: Allen, Anita L. "Privacy in Health Care." Encyclopedia of Bioethics. Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. ed. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 1995.

Periodical Articles

MAGAZINES Author (last name, first name). "Title of article." Name of magazine date (day month year): page numbers.

Example: Tumulty, Karen. "Why Subsidies Survive." Time 25 Mar. 1996: 46-47.

JOURNALS Author (last name, first name). "Title of article." Name of journal volume number. issue number (year of publication): page numbers.

Examples: Chavez, Linda. "Our Hispanic Predicament." Commentary 105.6 (1998): 47-50.

(some journals use only issue numbers) Lojola, Marisa. "The Female Reader on Trial." Brasil 14 (1995): 61-81.

NEWSPAPERS Author (last name, first name). "Title of article." Name of newspaper [add city in brackets if not part of name] date (day month year), edition if given, section: page.

Example with section number Hechinger, Fred M. "School vs. Riots." New York Times 30 July 1967, late ed., sec. 4: 7.

Example with section letter Clark, Don. "Apple's New Docking Maneuver." San Francisco Chronicle 19 Oct. 1992, final ed.: C2.

Government Documents

Author or, if not given, the agency which issued the document. Title. Place of publication: publisher, date of publication.

Example: United States. Dept. of Labor. Child Care: A Workforce Issue. Washington: GPO, 1988.

Essays

Author of essay (last name, first name). "Essay title." Title of book (in which the essay appears). Editor of book. Place of publication: publisher, date of publication. Page numbers of essay.

Example: Rawls, John. "Justice and Equality." Equality. Ed. Louis P. Pojman and Robert Westmoreland. New York: Oxford UP, 1997.183-190.