

MLA CITATION FORMAT EXAMPLES – ONLINE AND ELECTRONIC MATERIALS

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Video or DVD

Apocalypse Now. Dir. Francis Ford Coppola. Perf. Marlon Brando and Martin Sheen. 1979. Videocassette. Paramount, 2000.

Personal web page (the two dates are: 1) date published, and 2) date accessed – include both if available)

Mouse, Mickey. How I Came to Be a Cultural Icon. 12 Nov. 2006. 22 Jan. 2007 <<http://www.geocities.com/~mickeymouse/index.html>>.

Corporate web page (a company, school, or other group, but not government; the two dates are: 1) date published, and 2) date accessed – include both if available)

Kent, Clark. In-depth Interviews with Superman. Nov. 2006. Official Superman Fan Club. 1 Mar. 2007 <<http://www.supermanisawesome.com/interview.html>>.

Government web page (the two dates are: 1) date published, and 2) date accessed – include both if available)

- 1) U.S. Department of Labor. Occupational Safety & Health Administration. OSHA Trade News Release. OSHA Offers Tips for Working in Hot Weather. 9 Jul 2006. 16 Aug. 2006 <http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadis.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=10310>.
 - 2) National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Historic Galileo Mission Nears End. Beth Beck. 15 Sept. 2007 <http://www.nasa.gov/news/mission/galileo_dies.html>.
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Magazine, journal, or newspaper article from an online database (such as Wilson Select or LexisNexis; the two dates are: 1) date published, and 2) date accessed – include both if available)

- 1) Berkley, Catherine S. et al. "One-Year Changes in Activity and Inactivity Among 10- to 15-Year-Old Boys and Girls." New York Times. (Apr. 7, 2006): A12 LexisNexis Academic. Lexis Nexis. University High School Lib. 13 Sept. 2007 <<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe>>.
 - 2) Naughton, Keith. "What's in a Name?" Newsweek (27 July 2003): 58. Expanded Academic ASAP. Thomson Gale. University High School Lib., Urbana, IL. 20 Aug. 2007 <<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/?db=EAIM>>.
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Article from an online magazine, journal, or newspaper (NOT included in a database; the two dates are: 1) date published, and 2) date accessed – include both if available)

- 1) "Crazy Citation Phenomenon." MLA News 31 Oct. 2003. 1 Nov. 2003 <<http://mlanews.com/crazy.html>>.
 - 2) Sutton, William. "I Bet Bermuda is Nice This Time of Year." Uni High Teacher Times On the Web. 14 February 2006. 15 February 2006 <http://www.imauniteacherwhoareyou.com/wishful_thinking/articles/billsworld.html>.
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E-mail message

Citing e-mails properly in MLA requires that you distinguish between an e-mail that someone sent to you and an e-mail sent to someone else that was later passed on to you. It works like this:
Lastname, Firstname Middlename (of original sender). "Re: Subject Line." E-mail to Firstname Lastname (of **original** recipient; **not** you, if the message was originally sent to someone else). Date of message.

- 1) Hamm, Mia. "Re: Ending the Soccer League." E-mail to Joe Schmo. 13 Apr. 2006.
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Non-text web-based material (map, picture, sound and video clip, etc.)

This format is intended to cover anything and everything that is not a text file. Sometimes these items have named creators, and sometimes they do not. Generic format: Lastname, Firstname Middlename of creator (if found). Name of item. Type of item (if it is not obvious from the name of the item). Date of creation (if known). URL of web site where the item was found. Date of Access. <URL>.

- 1) "Champaign, Illinois." Map. Maps of Everywhere. 15 Nov. 2006 <http://maps_all_over.com/champaign.html>.
 - 2) How to Drive. 1970. Clyde Crashcup Online. 19 Sept. 2007 <<http://clyde.com/driving>>.
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Real-time communication (instant messages, chat transcripts, etc.)

Generic format: Lastname, Firstname Middlename. Description of conversation. Date of message. Type of communication. Date last accessed.

- 1) Bush, George W. What it's like living in the White House. 25 Aug. 2007. AIM. 13 Sept. 2007.
 - 2) Rogers, Fred. Life in the neighborhood. 27 Aug. 2003. Yahoo Chat Room. 13 Sept. 2003.
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Online bulletin board posting

Generic format: Lastname, Firstname Middlename. "Re: Subject Line." Online posting. Date posted. Name of bulletin board. Date of access <URL of bulletin board>.

- 1) Caldecott, Randolph. "I've Got an Award Named After Me!" Online posting. 14 Nov. 2006. Children's Lit Bulletin Board. 13 Sept. 2007 <<http://www.gslis.uiuc.edu/bb/kiddie/html/lit.html>>.
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Web logs (or "Blogs")

Generic format: Lastname, Firstname Middlename. "Subject Title." Weblog entry. Date posted. Title of weblog. Date of access <URL of weblog>.

- 1) Cool, Joe. "Learning to Dress Cool." Weblog entry. 4 Oct. 2006. Cool Like Me. 10 Sept. 2007 <<http://joe.cool.com/diary/>>.

MLA CITATION FORMAT EXAMPLES – PAPER AND “TRADITIONAL” MATERIALS

Book by a single author, multiple authors, or a corporate author (that is, a company, nonprofit, etc.)

- 1) Mittenthal, Robin Eric. How To Be a Professional Student. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2003.
 - 2) Harris, Frances Jacobson, and Janet Morford. Can You Speak Up Please?: Subbie Oral History Projects. Urbana: Uni High, 2007.
 - 3) Uni High Alumni Association. Uni through the Years. Urbana: Uni High, 1999.
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Book with an editor

The Adventures of Bridge Building. Morris, Pat, ed. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1990.

Pamphlet or booklet

Brown, Farmer. Farm Fresh Eggs: More Than You Ever Wanted to Know. Arthur: Brown's Egg Ranch, 1998.

Work in an anthology (a collection of works by multiple people, usually about a particular subject)

Khan, Ghengis. "Feedback Cycles Changed My Life." History through Flowcharts. Ed. Chris Butler. Boston: HarperCollins, 1996. 127-34.

Signed article in an encyclopedia

Steen, Liz Arthur. "Applied Finite Math." Encyclopedia Mathematica. 2006 ed.

Unsigned article in an encyclopedia

"Library Goddesses." Encyclopedia of Library Science. 2nd ed. 2007.

Government document

There's a generic format: Country or State. Agency. Subagency. Title. Ordinal number ed. or session and document number. City of Publication: Publisher, YYYY.

- 1) United States. Cong. House. Committee on the Judiciary. The Adverse Effects of Homework on Gifted Students. 91st Congress, 2nd sess. H. Res. 61. Washington: GPO, 1998.
 - 2) United Nations. Literary Aid Committee. Fatigue Relief for Overworked Fantasy Characters in the Anne Rice Vampire Chronicles. New York: Taylor, 2000.
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Article from a magazine

Stone, David M. "What Lurks on Bottom Shelves of Libraries: A Study of Dust Bunnies." Science Teacher News 15 Oct. 2006: 120-22.

Article from a journal with continuous paging (an issue may start with page 1,127, for example)

Laughlin, Rosemary. "Teaching the Charleston and the Coffee Grinder to High School Students." Journal of Dance Fever 12 (2007): 323-30.

Article from a journal that pages each issue separately (every issue starts with page one)

York, Maurice. "Trapped in Graduate School." Low Down Review 16.4 (2000): 6-17.

Signed or unsigned article from a daily newspaper

- 1) Perez-Pena, Richard. "CUNY and California Curbs: Parallels in Approach." New York Times 13 May 2006, late ed.: B8.
 - 2) "I'm Leaving My Money to the Uni High Library." The News-Gazette 15 Sept. 2006: A1.
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Unpublished manuscript, typescript, or letter

Generic format: Lastname, Firstname (or name of group/institution). Title or description of the material (for example, *Notebook*). Form of the material (for example, *ms.* for something written by hand, or *ts.* for something typed). Any identifying number or date assigned to the document (if applicable). Name and location of the library or other institution holding the material.

- 1) Chaucer, Geoffrey. The Canterbury Tales. Harley ms. 7334. British Lib., London.
 - 2) Mittenthal, Robin. My Super-Secret Don't Anybody Read This Ever Ever Ever or Else Diary and That Means You. Unpublished diary. Special Collection of Important Personal Papers of Former Graduate Student Assistants. Uni High Lib., Urbana.
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Interview

- Suslick, Adele. Personal interview. 16 Jan. 2007.
Kroc, Ray. Telephone interview. 20 May 2002.