This handout is designed to help you prepare a bibliography in the Modern Language Association publication style, commonly referred to as MLA. The formats below are from MLA Handbook of Writers of Research Papers, 7th ed. The section from the book where you can find more details are listed with each entry, e.g. (MLA 5.4.1). If you have questions about this handout or need assistance on a different style, please check with a reference librarian.

**Remember to double space and indent ½” all but the first lines.**

**The page heading for the sources cited in your paper is: Works Cited**

**ONLINE DATABASES:** (MLA 5.6.4.)

Articles from databases such as OmniFile Full Text Select, ERIC, Academic OneFile, etc.

**Article in a Scholarly Journal:** (All Scholarly Journals should include volume and issue number in the citation, but do not insert the actual abbreviations v. or vol., nor i. or issue.)


Example from OmniFile Full Text Select:


Example from ERIC:


**Article in a Magazine:** (MLA 5.4.6.)

After the title of the magazine, give the complete date (day, month abbreviated -except for May, June, and July). Next, insert a colon, then the complete page range of numbers. If you do not know the page range, or if it is printed on nonconsecutive pages, give the first page number and “+” sign.

Author’s name (if given). “Title of Article.” Title of Magazine Date of publication: page number-page number. Name of Database. Web. Date of Access.

Example from OmniFile Full Text Select:

Literature Resource Center (full text item)

Journal article:


Essay or Chapter in a Book Reprinted in a Reference Book then Reproduced in LRC: (MLA 5.7.5. and 5.9.7.)

[Use the original source, the final source, and LRC. Ignore intermediate sources. Use “reprinted”, ignore “reproduced” ]


AUTHORS (applicable to Books and Periodicals)

Books:


Anonymous (5.5.9.) Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.

One Author (5.5.2.) Lastname, Firstname. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.


Two Authors (5.5.4) Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.

Three Authors (5.5.4) Linn, Matthew, Sheila Fabricant, and Dennis Linn. Healing the Eight Stages of Life. New York: Paulist, 1988. Print.
More than Three Authors
(5.5.4)

Corporate Author
(5.5.5.)

Editor (5.5.3.)

Two Editors (5.5.3.)

Author and Editor
(5.6.12)
Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Ed. Firstname Lastname. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year.


Author and Translator
(5.3.11.)


Edition (5.5.13.)

If you are using two or more volumes of a multivolume work, cite the total number of volumes in the work.

Multivolume work (5.5.14.)(p.168)

If you are using only one volume of a multivolume work, give the number of the volume, and give publication information for only that volume.

Multivolume work (5.5.14.)(p.169)

Essay or article in a collection or anthology (5.5.6.)
REFERENCE BOOKS: DICTIONARIES & ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES (MLA 5.5.7.)

Specific Definition in Dictionary

Widely Used Reference Books:

Unsigned

Multi-volume works (5.5.14)
-If you are using two or more volumes of a multivolume work, cite the total number of volumes in the work.
-If you are using only one volume of a multivolume work, give the number of the volume, and give publication information for only that volume.

Specialized Reference Books:

Article in Electronic Encyclopedia or Reference Book:


MAGAZINE ARTICLES (Print) (MLA 5.4.6.)

Magazine article (signed)

Magazine article (anonymous)

JOURNAL ARTICLES (Print) (MLA 5.4.2 – 5.4.3.) (Always provide volume and issue number when available)


A Journal that uses only an issue number
**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES** (Print)

Signed (5.4.5)  

Editorial (5.4.10)  

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW** (MLA 5.7.7.)

Interview conducted by researcher  
Johnson, Robert. Personal interview. 8 July 2002.

Jones, Michelle. Telephone interview. 10 June 2003.

**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES** (Web) (MLA 5.6.2.)

**Electronic Book** (5.6.2.d)  

**Entire Website**  
Author(s) (if provided). *Name of Entire Web Site*. Version or edition used. Publisher or Sponsor of the Site. Date of publication. Web. Date of Access.

**Example**  

**Article within a Web Site**

Format:  
Author(s) (if provided). “Article Title.” *Name of Web Site*. Version or edition. Publisher or Sponsor of the Site. Date of Publication. Web. Date of access.

**Example**  

**Periodical Article from an Internet Site (but not a library database)**

**Scholarly Journal** (5.9.4.a.)  

**Newspaper** (5.9.4.b.)  

**Article in a magazine** (5.9.4.c.)  