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**MLA BIBLIOGRAPHY CITATION STYLE: 7<sup>th</sup> ed.**

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**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.)

Lastname, Firstname. “Title of Article.” *Name of Journal*. Volume Number (year): page number-page number.  
*Name of Database*. Web. Date of Access

Example from OmniFile Full Text Select:

Keys, Eric. "Exploring Market-Based Development: Market Intermediaries and Farmers in Calakmul, Mexico." *The Geographical Review* 95.1 (2005): 24-46. *OmniFile Full Text Select*. Web. 8 July 2009.

Example from ERIC:

Heller, Mary F. "Telling Stories and Talking Facts: First Graders' Engagements in a Nonfiction Book Club." *Reading Teacher*. 60.4 (2006): 358-69. ERIC. Web. 8 July 2009.

**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 :

Jasper, Paul. "Jukebox in Your Pocket." *PC World* March 2007: 94+. *OmniFile Full Text Select*. Web. 8 July 2009.

## Literature Resource Center (full text item)

### Journal article:

Walls, Kathryn. "The significance of 'arca' and 'goddess pryvette' in 'The Miller's Tale.'" *Notes and Queries* 42.1 (1995): 24+. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 7 Sept. 2009.

### 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" ]

S. Griswold Morley, "A Cosmopolitan Poet," in *The Dial* (copyright, 1917, by The Dial Publishing Company, Inc.), Vol. LXII, No. 744, June 14, 1917, pp. 509-11. Reprinted in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*, Vol. 4. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. Web. 23 Aug. 2009.

## AUTHORS (applicable to Books and Periodicals)

### Books:

Bible (MLA 5.5.9.) and (MLA 5.5.10.) *The New Jerusalem Bible*. Henry Wansbrough, gen. ed. New York: Doubleday, 1985. Print.

*Holy Bible: The New King James Version*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1979. Print.

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.

Head, Simon. *The New Ruthless Economy: Work & Power in the Digital Age*. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1990. Print.

**Electronic Book (6.6.2.d)** Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. City: Publisher, year. *e-book provider*. Web. Date of access.

Holtz, Shel. *Tactical Transparency: How Leaders Can Leverage Media to maximize Value and Build Their Brand*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass. 2009. *e-brary*. Web. 2 Mar. 2012.

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)	Sakakibara, Shigeki, et al. <i>The Japanese Stock Market</i> . New York: Praeger, 1988. Print.
Corporate Author (5.5.5.)	United States Tennis Association. <i>Coaching Youth Tennis</i> . New York: Human Kinetics, 1991. Print.
Editor (5.5.3.)	Karp, Rashed S., ed. <i>The Basic Business Library: Core Resources</i> . Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 2002. Print.
Two Editors (5.5.3.)	Jones, Keith and Marcia Schmidt, eds. <i>The pathways of Ireland</i> . New York: Oxford, 2006. Print.
Author and Editor (5.6.12)	Lastname, Firstname. <i>Title of Book</i> . Ed. Firstname Lastname. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year.
	James, Henry. <i>The Turn of the Screw</i> . Ed. Peter G. Beidler. Boston: St. Martin's, 1995.
Author and Translator (5.3.11.)	Lastname, Firstname. <i>Title of Book</i> . Trans. Firstname Lastname. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.
	Boia, Lucian. <i>Romania: Borderland of Europe</i> . Trans. James Christian Brown. London: Reaktion Books, 2001. Print.
Edition (5.5.13.)	Anderson, Ronald H. <i>Selecting and Developing Media for Instruction</i> . 2nd ed. Cincinnati: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1983. Print.

**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)	Chaucer, Geoffrey. <i>The Worlds of Geoffrey Chaucer</i> . Ed. W. W. Skeat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 4 vols. Oxford: Clarendon, 1963. Print.
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**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)	Chaucer, Geoffrey. <i>The Worlds of Geoffrey Chaucer</i> . Ed. W. W. Skeat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. Vol. 1. Oxford: Clarendon, 1963. Print.
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Essay or article in a collection or anthology (5.5.6.)	Thoreau, Henry David. "Civil Disobedience." <i>Walden and Other Writings of Henry David Thoreau</i> . New York: Random House, 1950. 18-25. Print.
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## **REFERENCE BOOKS: DICTIONARIES & ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES** (MLA 5.5.7.)

Specific Definition in Dictionary            “Presence.” Def. 1c. *The Oxford English Dictionary*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1989. Print.

Widely Used Reference Books:  
Signed or Initialed            Walton, Harold F. “Distillation.” *The Encyclopedia Americana*. 1999 ed. Print.

Unsigned                        “Mildew.” *Academic American Encyclopedia*. 1996 ed. Print.

### **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:

(160-161; 168-169)            Rasmusson, Ann M. and Dennis S. Chamey. “Posttraumatic Therapy.” *Encyclopedia of Stress*. Ed. George Fink. Vol. 3. San Diego: Academic, 2000. Print.

Article in **Electronic** Encyclopedia or Reference Book:            “Microcomputer Chip.” *Encyclopedia of Computer Science*. Hoboken: Wiley: 2003. *Credo Reference*. Web. 22 February 2010.

Format:                        “Article Name.” *Title of Reference Source*. City: Publisher, year. Name of Provider. Web. Date of Access.

## **MAGAZINE ARTICLES (Print)** (MLA 5.4.6.)

Magazine article (signed)            Purdy, Kevin. “Can I Use One Number for My Home, Work and Cellphones?” *Popular Science* Oct. 2009: 74. Print.

Magazine article (anonymous)            “Island of Trouble.” *The Economist* 12 Mar. 2006: 53. Print.

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

Martin, Rita J. “Business Ethics: Who Cares?” *The Bulletin of the Association for Business Communication* 53.2 (1990): 4-6. Print.

### A Journal that uses only an issue number

Tucker, Herbert. “Rossetti’s Goblin Marketing” Sweet to Tongue and Sound to eye.” *Representations* 82 (2003): 117+. Print

## **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES** (Print)

- Signed (5.4.5) Broder, John M. "New Los Angeles Cathedral Evokes Survival in Adversity." *New York Times* 30 Aug. 2002, natl. ed.: A1+. Print.
- Editorial (5.4.10) "Faith in the Public Sphere." Editorial. *New York Times* 11 April 2003, natl. ed.: A20. Print.

## **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) Hoffman, Markus and Leland R. Beaumont. *Content Networking: Architecture, Protocols, and Practice*. Amsterdam: Elsevier, 2005. *e-brary*. Web. 12 Feb. 2010.
- 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 UNdata: a World of Information. Version v0.11.13 beta. United Nations Statistics Division. 2009. Web. 7 July 2009.

### **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 Lennen, Gerald, and Mark Rajock. "What is the Theory of Evolution." *Creation Science*. 14 May 2001. Web. 9 Sept. 2009.

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

- Scholarly Journal (5.9.4.a.) Fauske, Janice R. "Preparing School Leaders: Understanding, Experiencing and Implementing Collaboration." *International Electronic Journal for Leadership in Learning* 6.6 (2002). Web. 9 Sept. 2002.
- Newspaper (5.9.4.b.) Stern, Seth. "A Boxer Forges Bonds with Troubled Teens." *Christian Science Monitor* 8 Sept. 2002. 22 Web. Oct. 2004.
- Article in a magazine (5.9.4.c.) Stossel, Sage. "Elvis One More Time." *Atlantic Unbound* 13 Aug. 2002. Web. 23 Sept. 2002.