**Elements of an MLA Citation  
 *Tip: pay close attention to punctuation***

**A book:**

Title of book (italicized)

Author

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers.* 7th ed.New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009. Print.

Place of publication

Edition Statement

(if needed)

Medium

Date of publication

Publisher

**A journal article:**

Title of article (in quotes)

Journal title (italicized) with volume and issue numbers

Author

Ryan, Katy. “Revolutionary Suicide in Toni Morrison’s Fiction.” *African American Review* 34.3 (2000): 389-412. Print.

Year of publication

Medium

Page numbers

Magazine or journal title (italicized)

with volume and issue

numbers

**An article from a research database:**

Lanken, Diane. “When the Earth Moves.” *Canadian Geographic.* 116.2 (1996): 66-73. *MasterFile Premier.* Web. 20 Aug. 2009.

Author

Name of database (italicized)

Title of article (in quotes)

Year of publication

Date retrieved

Page numbers

Medium

**A web page:**

Title of document or article (in quotes)

Date of publication or last update

Medium

Date retrieved

Author

Title of web site (in italics)

Sponsor of website

Magnay, Diana. “Lockerbie: The Aftermath.” *CNN.com.* Cable News Network, 2009. Web. 20 Aug. 2009.

**MLA Works Cited: Books, DVDs, & E-books**

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| **Book by a single author** | **Book > Print tab**  **You can enter the ISBN # for a book. Noodlebib will format the citation for you.** | Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of*  *Research Papers*. 7th ed. New York: MLA, 2009.  Print.  **Capitalize every significant word in the title.**  **Indent the second and subsequent lines of the citation.** | **Use last name of the author and the page number in parenthesis.**  **Example:** Proper citation style helps to prevent inadvertent plagiarism (Gibaldi 212).  **If the name of the author appears as part of your text, cite only page number**  **Example:** According to Gibaldi, proper citation style helps to prevent inadvertent plagiarism (212). |
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| **Book with an editor** | **Book > Print tab** > choose editor from the **Role** dropdown menu. | Abel, Mark, ed. *How to Avoid Plagiarism*. Burlington:  Random, 2003. Print. | **Example:** (Abel 187). |
| **Book with no author or editor** | **Book > Print tab** > leave the author fields blank | *Cooking with Vegetables*. New York: Oxmoor, 1983.  Print  **Use the first main word of the title to alphabetize your entry (ignore a, an, the if they are present.)** | **Use a shortened version of the title when there is no author.**  **Example:** (Cooking 57). |
| **Entry in an anthology** | **Anthology/Collection > Print tab** | Olsen, Tillie. "I Stand Here Ironing." *Making Literature*  *Matter*. Ed.John Schlib and John Clifford. Boston:  Bedford/St. Martins, 2009. 281-87. Print. | **Example:** (Olsen 283). |
| **DVD** | **Film or Video Recording > Film/Recording** | Dunne, Griffin, dir. *Addicted to Love*. Warner Bros.,  1997. DVD. | **Example:** (Dunne). |
| **E-book**  **(Electronic-book)** | **Book > eBook File tab** Digital file type= Kindle  **Book > Database tab** (book from library dbase)  **Book > Website tab** (book on Google, Gutenberg etc.) | Bitmead, Luke. *Heading South*. London: Legend, 2010.  Kindle file.  Bitmead, Luke. *Heading South*. London: Legend, 2010.  *Maine Infonet Download Llibrary*. Web. 27 Aug.  2012.  Child, L. Maria, ed. *The Freedmen's Book*. Boston:  Ticknor, 1866. *Google Books*. Web. 28 Aug. 2012. | **Example:** (Bitmead 48).  **Example:** (Bitmead 75).  **Example:** (Child 31). |

**MLA Works Cited: Magazines, Journals, and Newspapers**

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| **Journal article** | **Journal > Print tab** if you are using a print copy | Jaffe, Eric. "Mental Leap." *Science News* 170.10 (2006):  154-157. Print.  **Separate the volume and issue numbers with a period.** | **Example:** (Jaffe 156). |
| **Journal article from a database like Academic Search Complete** | **Journal > Database tab**  **You can use the copy and paste function here.** | Jaffe, Eric. "Mental Leap." *Science News* 170.10 (2006):  154-157. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 24 Aug. 2012. | **Example:** (Jaffe 156). |
| **Magazine** | **Magazine > Print tab** if you are using a print copy | Burke, Jessica. "Whispering Sweet Everything." *Food*  *Magazine* June 2012: 42-45. Print.  **When a magazine has a volume and issue number use journal as your citation type.** | **Example:** (Burke 44). |
| **Newspaper article**  **Newspaper article from a database like ProQuest Newsstand** | **Newspaper > Print tab** if you are using a print copy  **Newspaper > Database tab**  **You can use the copy and paste function here.** | Chang, Kenneth. "The Melting (Freezing) of Antartica."  *New York Times* 2 Apr. 2002, sec. F: 1+. Print.  **Tip: When pages are not consecutive enter the Start page number and > sign as the End number**  "New Drug Appears to Sharply Cut Risk of Death from  Heart Failure." *Washington Post* 15 July 1993, sec.  G:1. *ProQuest Newsstand*. Web. 27 Aug. 2012. | **Example:** (Chang F3).  **When there is no author use the full title (if brief) or a shortened version.**  **Example:** (“New Drug” G1).  **Include quotation marks.** |
| **Encyclopedia article**  **Encyclopedia article from a database like Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Academic Ed.** | **Reference Source > Print tab**  **Reference Source > Database tab** | "Sea Phantoms and Superstitions." *Encyclopedia of*  *Occultism & Parapsychology*. Ed. J. Gordon Melton.  4th ed. Vol. 2. Detroit: Gale, 1996. 1149-51. Print.  **When citing familiar encyclopedias list only the edition and/or the year of publication:**  “Mandarin.” *The Encyclopedia Americana*. 1994 ed. Print.  "West Nile Virus." *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. 2012. N. pag. *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Academic Edition*. Web. 27 Aug. 2012. | **Example:** (“Sea Phantoms and Superstitions” 1150).  **Include quotation marks.**  **Example:** (“Mandarin” 79).  **Example:** (“West Nile Virus”). |

**MLA Works Cited: Online Sources**

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| **Web resource:** | **Web site** | **Many online sources do not supply all desired information, cite as much information as is available.**  "Beware of Cyberbullying." *American Psychological*  *Association*. APA, 2012. Web. 24 Aug. 2012.  Harlow, Harry F. "The Nature of Love." *Classics in the*  *History of Psychology*. York Univ., 2000. Web. 27  Aug. 2012.  *CNN*. Cable News Network, 2012. Web. 27 Aug. 2012.  Chidlress, Sarah. "Court Rules Florida's Early Voting  Restrictions Are Discriminating." *Frontline*. PBS, 17  Aug. 2012. Web. 27 Aug. 2012. | T**here are frequently no page numbers available when citing web resources.**  **Example:** (“Beware of Cyberbullying”).  **Example:** (Harlow).  **Example:** (CNN).  **Example:** (Childress). |
| **Internet article from a web version of a magazine or journal** | **Web site** | Nastasi, Alison. "A Guide to Pop Culture's Biggest  Hoaxes." *The Atlantic*. Atlantic Monthly Group, 24  Aug. 2012. Web. 27 Aug. 2012. | **Example:** (Natasi). |
| **Image, photograph or work of art** | **Work of visual art > viewed tab** (painting, sculpture, museum, etc)  **Photo in an archive > Web site** (photos from Flickr, American Memory, etc)  **Photo or image (born digital) > Web site**  Image (free) from Microsoft clipart, etc.) | Homer, Winslow. *Artists Sketching in the White*  *Mountains*. 1868. Oil on panel. Museum of Art,  Portland.  *Atlantic Shoreline Locomotive # 100, Sanford*. 1930.  Seashore Trolley Museum. *Maine Memory Network*.  Web. 28 Aug. 2012.  "Librarian checking out books." *Clip Art*. Microsoft  Office, n.d. Web. 28 Aug. 2012. | **Example:**  (Homer).  **Example:** (Atlantic Shoreline).  **Example:** (“Librarian checking out books”). |