

# MLA Citation Style Guide

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Beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of MLA, writers will use one standardized citation for all sources. That standard format is:

General Citation Format
Author. Title of source. Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number,  Publisher, Publication Date, Location. Database used, URL/DOI.

## Important Notes:

- Not all of this information will be available for every source and every citation. **Only include information available for the source you use.**
- All citations should be typed in Times New Roman, size 12 font, double spaced, and with a hanging indent, as shown in the examples.
- Pay close attention to the punctuation following each element of the citation.
- Page numbers will follow these formats:
  - Single page article – use p. x (p. 12)
  - Multi-page article – use pp. x-x (pp. 12-15)
  - Multi-page article that is not continuous – pp. x+ (pp. A1+) – this format is most common in printed magazines and newspapers.
- Publication Date follows the format of Day Month Year. The month is always abbreviated. Example: 10 Oct. 2016
- Sources with three or more authors will follow this format (see also Journal from Online Database):
  - Author1 Last Name, First Name, et al. Title of source.....
- URL formatting: Do not include the http:// or https:// in the URL.

**Works Cited Examples – Commonly Used Sources**  
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**Book in Print – single author**

Author Last Name, First Name. *Title*. translated or edited by First Name Last Name [if any], vol. [if any], Publisher, Publication Date.

Nielsen, Jakob. *Hypertext & Hypermedia*. Academic Press Professional, 1993.

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**Book in Print – two authors**

Author 1 Last Name, First Name, and Author 2 First Name Last Name. *Title*. translated or edited by First Name Last Name [if any], vol. [if any], Publisher, Publication Date.

Gilbert, Sandra M., and Susan Gubar. *The Madwoman in the Attic*. Yale UP, 1979.

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**eBook**

Author Last Name, First Name. *Title*. Publisher, Publication Date. *Database*, URL.

Bhatty, Zarina. *Purdah to Piccadilly : A Muslim Woman's Struggle for Identity*. Sage Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2016. *EBSCOhost*, [search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1222527&site=ehost-live](http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1222527&site=ehost-live).

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**Work in an anthology**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Chapter or Essay." *Title of Book*, edited by First Name Last Name, Version, Publisher, Publication Year, pp. x-x.

Hooker, Thomas. "A True Sight of Sin." *The American Puritans: Their Prose and Poetry*, edited by Perry Miller, Columbia UP, 1982, pp. 153-64.

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**Magazine article**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, vol. x, no. x, Publication Date, pp. x-x.

Cowley, Geoffrey. "I'd Toddle a Mile for a Camel." *Newsweek*, 23 Dec. 1991, pp. 70-71.

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**Magazine article from an online database**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol. x, no. x,

Publication date, pp. x-x if available. *Title of Database*, URL of article.

Revell, Janice. "What You'll Get From the Stimulus Package." *Money*, vol. 38, no. 4, 1 Apr. 2009, p. 17. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=36937532&site=ehost-live.

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**Newspaper article**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper*, vol. x if available, no. x if available, Day Month Year of publication, p. x.

Burk, Jennifer. "Capitol lessons." *The Telegraph* [Macon], 6 Feb. 2007, p. B1.

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**Newspaper article from online database**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper*, vol. x, no. x,

Publication date, pages. *Title of Database*, URL of article.

Fletcher, Michael A. "Study Finds Wide Racial Disparity in Death Penalty." *Washington Post*, 5 June 1998, p. A24. *Lexis-Nexis Academic*, www.lexisnexis.com/inacui2api/api/version1/getDocCui?lni=3SVY-SJ90-007D-J0WB&csi=270944,270077,11059,8411&hl=t&hv=t&hnsd=f&hns=t&hgn=t&oc=00240perma=true.

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**Journal article**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title*, vol. x, no. x, Publication Date, pp. x-x.

Snodgrass, Susan. "The Rubbish Heap of History." *Art in America*, vol. 88, no. 5, 2000, pp. 156-57.

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**Journal article from an online database**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol. x if available, no. x if available, Publication date, pp. x-x if available. *Title of Database*, DOI/URL of article.

Crum-Cianflone, Nancy F., et al. "Mental Health and Comorbidities in U.S. Military Members." *Military Medicine*, vol. 181, no. 6, June 2016, pp. 537-545. *EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier*, doi:10.7205/MILMED-D-15-00187.

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**Article from an online magazine or newspaper**

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine or Newspaper*, Day Month Year of Publication, URL of article. Accessed Day Month Year.

Blume, Harvey. "Geek Studies." *Atlantic Online*, 13 Jul. 2000, [www.theatlantic.com/past/docs/unbound/crosscurrents/cc2000-07-13.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/past/docs/unbound/crosscurrents/cc2000-07-13.htm). Accessed 10 Oct. 2016.

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**Film or Video from Database (Films On Demand)**

*Title of Video*. Production Company/Publisher of Video, Video release date. *Title of Database*, URL of video.

*Plagiarism 2.0: Information Ethics in the Digital Age*. Cambridge Educational, 2001. *Films On Demand*, [fod.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=103286&xtid=43790](http://fod.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=103286&xtid=43790).

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**Internet Video (YouTube, etc.)**

Last Name, First Name of person responsible for video. “Title of Video.” *Title of Series if available*, Day Month Year video was posted, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

Central Georgia Technical College. “CGTC Success Tools.” 27 Jul. 2016,  
[youtu.be/52dL36AeDMI?list=PL6dZGn-r6bMeETQI9b\\_UrMWypwKz9JZCbU](https://youtu.be/52dL36AeDMI?list=PL6dZGn-r6bMeETQI9b_UrMWypwKz9JZCbU).  
Accessed 10 Oct. 2016.

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**Entire website**

Author Last Name, First Name if available. *Title of Website*. Company or organization responsible for website, Publication date, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

Bernstein, Charles, editor. *Electronic Poetry Center*. SUNY Buffalo, 2016,  
[epc.buffalo.edu](http://epc.buffalo.edu). Accessed 10 Oct. 2016.

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**Web page within a larger website**

Author Last Name, First Name if available. “Title of Section.” *Title of Website if Available*, Publisher or sponsor of website if available, Day Month Year of publication if available, URL of section. Accessed Day Month Year.

Martin, Thomas R. “An Overview of Classical Greek History from Homer to Alexander.” *Perseus Digital Library*, Tufts U., [www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus:text:1999.04.0009](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus:text:1999.04.0009). Accessed 10 Oct. 2016.

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**Image**

Artist or photographer Last Name, First Name. *Title of Image or Artwork*. Date work was created. *Title of Website*, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

van Gogh, Vincent. *Starry Night*. 1889. *Wikimedia Commons*, [commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:VanGogh-starry\\_night\\_ballance1.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:VanGogh-starry_night_ballance1.jpg). Accessed 24 Jun. 2016.

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**Tweet**

Author (Twitter handle). "Entire text of the tweet." *Twitter*, Date, Time of tweet, URL.

@tombrokaw. "SC demonstrated why all the debates are the engines of this campaign." *Twitter*, 22 Jan. 2012, 3:06 a.m., [twitter.com/tombrokaw/status/160996868971704320](https://twitter.com/tombrokaw/status/160996868971704320).

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**A note about in-text citations (parenthetical citations):** In the MLA style, sources are acknowledged by short parenthetical citations in the text instead of numbered footnotes. The parenthetical citation includes just enough information to point the reader to the complete information about the source in the Works Cited list. The parenthetical usually includes the author's last name (if an anonymous work, the first one or two words from the title) and the page number cited. Leave the author's name out of the parenthetical if it is clearly stated in your sentence. When your Works Cited list includes more than one work by an author, the parenthetical should include part of the title, i.e. (Nielson, Hypertext 141). Note: if the entire work is being acknowledged, or there is no page or paragraph number (as in the case of many online works), incorporate the author's name into the sentence instead of using a parenthetical.

**Questions?** The MLA Handbook, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, is available at each CGTC Library for use inside the library. Assistance with editing/revising your paper is available from the CGTC Academic Success Centers ([www.centralgatech.edu/success](http://www.centralgatech.edu/success)) or online through SMARTHINKING ([libguides.centralgatech.edu/smarthinking](http://libguides.centralgatech.edu/smarthinking)).