

MLA Documentation

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Handling In-Text Citations

Direct Quotation

Smith concludes, "Mozart was a versatile composer who wrote in almost every major genre" (29).
or

Paraphrased

Smith concludes that Mozart's style was adaptable and multifaceted (29).

Corresponding Works Cited Entry for Book

Smith, John. *Mozart: The Man and the Myth*. Random House, 2015.

Works Cited

Print Books

Book (with one author)

Last Name, First Name of Author. *Title of Book*. Publishing Company*, Year of Publication.

Example:

Johnson, Kim. *Gun Control: What the Gun Lobbyists Don't Want You to Know*. Oxford UP, 2014.

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Book (with two authors)

Last Name, First Name of First Author, and First Name Last Name of Second Author. *Title of Book*. Publishing Company, Year of Publication.

Example:

Thompson, Lisa, and Ryan Middleton. *Safety 101: What You Need to Do to Protect You and Your Family*. Greenhaven Press, 2015.

Book (with no author but an editor)

Last Name, First Name of Editor, editor. *Title of Book*. Publishing Company, Year of Publication.

Example:

Smith, Hillary, editor. *William Shakespeare: Analysis of His Comedies*. U of Texas P, 2010.

A Smaller Work (Article/Essay) in a Larger Work (Anthology)

Last Name, First Name of Author of Smaller Work. "Title of Smaller Work." Original Year of Publication of Smaller Work if Different from Publication of Anthology. *Title of Larger Work*, edition, editor of Larger Work, volume, Publishing Company, Year of Publication, Page Numbers.

Example:

Walker, Alice. "Everyday Use." 1973. *Literature: An Introduction to American Poetry and Short Stories*, 8th ed., edited by Sue Carter and Lynda Harper, vol. 3, Gale, 2018, pp. 420-440.

Example:

Morris, Jack. "Banning Junk Foods in Schools Does Not Decrease Childhood Obesity." *Childhood Obesity Is an Epidemic*, revised ed., edited by Roman Espejo, Gale, 2014, pp. 42-46.

Example of Article Reprinted in Book

Last Name, First Name of Author of Smaller Work. "Title of Smaller Work." *Title of Larger Work*, Editor of Larger Work, Volume, Publishing Company, Year of Publication, Page Numbers. Original publication information may be added at the end.

Thompson, Ray. "Symbolism in *Everyday Use*." *Short Story Criticism*, edited by Robert Smith, vol. 62, Gale, 2010, pp. 45-62. Originally published in *American Literature*, vol. 62, no. 4, Winter 2001, pp. 9-29.

Entry from Reference Books

Treat an entry in an encyclopedia or dictionary as you would an essay in a collection. If the entry is signed, give the author's name. When citing widely used reference books (like *Webster's Dictionary* or common encyclopedias), do not give full publication information.

Examples:

Smith, George. "Japan." *Encyclopedia Americana*, 2017 ed., p. 25.

"Gun Control." *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 16th ed., 2018, pp.47-48.

If you are citing specialized or lesser-known reference books, like *The Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, then give full publication information.

Allen, Jay. "Euthanasia." *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, edited by Stacy Smith, 2nd ed., vol. 3, Gale, 2016, pp. 45-46.

Introduction, Preface, Foreword, or Afterword

Last Name, First Name of Author of Part Being Cited. Title of Part Being Cited. *Title of Book*, by Author of Larger Work (Whole Name if Different from Author of Part Being Cited but Last Name Only if Same as Author of Part Being Cited), Publishing Company, Year of Publication, page numbers.

Example:

Smithton, Jill. Introduction. *Mark Twain*, by Harold Bloom, Lucent Books, 2015, pp. x-xxiii.

Government Publication

Name of Government Agency. *Title of Publication*. Edition. Publishing Company, Year of Publication.

Example:

United States, Department of Labor. *Child Care: A Workforce Issue*. 5th ed. Government Printing Office, 2015.

Articles in Print Periodicals (Magazines, Journals, Newspapers)

Print Magazine Article

Last Name, First Name of Author of Article. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, Date, Page Numbers.

Example:

Tolbert, John. "Diversity in the Workforce." *Newsweek*, 6 June 2015, pp. 25-29.

Smith, George. "Climate Change." *Environmental Magazine*, May 2018, pp. 56-57.

Print Scholarly Journal Article

Last Name, First Name of Author of Article. "Title of article." *Title of Journal*, Volume Number, Issue Number, Date, Page Numbers.

Example:

Sims, Patrick. "Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*." *American Literature*, vol. 31, no. 2, Spring 2018, pp. 35-46.

Print Newspaper Article

Last Name, First Name of Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper*, Date, Page Numbers.

Example:

Williams, Stanley. "New Immigration Laws Cause Protests." *New York Times*, 21 July 2017, pp. D1+.

Online/Electronic Sources

Online Magazine Article from an Online Database

Same as Print Magazine Article (page 3) except the name of the database and DOI (digital object identifier) or URL will be added after the page numbers. A DOI is preferable to a URL because it will continue to lead to an article even if a URL changes.

Example:

Tolbert, John. "Diversity in the Workforce." *Newsweek*, 6 June 2016, pp. 25-29. *Academic Search Premier*, doi: 10.1345/aju.5266.4251.

Online Journal Article from an Online Database

Same as Print Journal Article (page 3) except the name of the database and DOI (digital object identifier) or URL will be added after the page numbers. A DOI is preferable to a URL. See the example below.

Example:

Davidson, Keith. "Globalization." *Journal of Economics*, vol. 24, no. 3, Spring 2018, pp. 12-15. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*, doi:10.13568/rfy1235.5666.

Online Newspaper Article from an Online Database

Same as Print Newspaper Article (page 3) except the name of the database and DOI or web address will be added after the page numbers (see example below).

Example:

Williams, Stanley. "New Immigration Laws Cause Protests." *New York Times*, 21 July 2017, pp. D1+. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*, doi:10.1353/pkj.5266.4253.

Chapter/Article/Essay (Originally Printed in a Book) Reprinted on Online Database

Last Name, First Name of Author of Article/Essay. "Title of Article/Essay." *Title of Book*, Edition, Volume, Publishing Company, Year of Publication, Page Numbers. *Title of Database*, Article Address (or DOI).

Example:

Wenner, Jann S. "Guns and School Violence." *School Violence*. Gale, 2014, pp. 24-29. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*, www.ic.galegroup.com/ic/ovic/?p=OVIC&u=rain34738.

Webpage (non-periodical) – see page 41 of the MLA manual for more examples

Last Name, First Name of Author of Website. "Title of Page." *Title of Web Site*. Name of Publisher (if different from website title), Date of Publication, Revision, or Update, URL or DOI.

Example:

Smith, John. "Preventing Heart Attacks." *Heart Disease*. American Heart Association, 2018, www.americanheartassociation.org.

Monet's Brushstrokes. Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2016, mmao/monetsbrush.org.

eBooks from an Online Database

Last Name, First Name of Author. *Title of eBook*. Edition. Publishing Company, Year of Publication. Database, DOI or URL.

Fry, Ron. *Bullying: Brilliant Ideas to Keep Your Child Safe and Happy*, 4th ed., Bantam Books, 2015. EBSCO eBook Collection OverDrive, <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=436978&site=eds-live&scope=site>.

eBooks (Downloaded To Your Device)

Last Name, First Name of Author. *Title of eBook*. Edition. Publishing Company, Year of Publication.

Example:

Jones, Paul. *How to Make Soap*. Kindle ed., Riverhead Books, 2018.

E-mail Message

Last Name, First Name of the Writer. "Title of the Message (In Subject Line)." Description, Date of Message.

Example:

Smith, Roger. "In Response to Your Request for Statistics Regarding Tornadoes in Jackson County, Alabama." Received by Bill Thompson, 20 Aug. 2018.

Short, Untitled Message (such as a Tweet)

Name used by person tweeting. "Full text of tweet, without changes." *Twitter*, Date, Time, URL.

@sandmountaingirl. "One week into my vegetarian way of eating, and I am already feeling better-#govegetarian." *Twitter*, 24 Apr. 2018, 4:12 p.m., twitter.com/sandmountaingirl.com/1425.