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This is a basic guide to citing references for a "Works Cited" page for typical books and journal articles. The formats are based upon the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed. (2009). **Always refer to your instructor and the *MLA Handbook* as the final authorities for preferences on form, punctuation, spacing, indentions, etc.**

Relevant sections in the *MLA Handbook* are in parentheses (e.g., 5.6.1) with each example.

NOTE: These examples are single-spaced; MLA requires double-spacing (*MLA Handbook*, 3.4)

BOOKS

General sequence of information to provide when applicable:

Author's name. "Title of a part of the book." *Title of the book*. Name of the editor, translator, or compiler. Edition used. Number(s) of volume(s) used. Name of the series. Place of publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Page numbers (if applicable). Print.

For in-text parenthetical reference (see chapter 6.1 of *MLA Handbook*). Typically (author page)

One author: (Smith 15); Two-three authors: (Smith, Doe, Jones 36)
More than three authors: (Smith et al. 205) or list all authors.

Anonymous Book (5.5.9)

Begin with the title of the book. Do not use *Anonymous* or *Anon*. Alphabetize under the title, ignoring any initial *A*, *An*, or *The*.

The Holy Bible: New International Version. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984. Print.
[alphabetize under *h*]

Book, One Author (5.5.2)

Yossarian, John. *Another Mission to Avignon*. Pianosa: Minderbinder, 1948. Print.

Book, Two Or More Authors (5.5.4)

Dent, Arthur, and William Pilgrim. *42 and Other Answers to Life*. New York: Galaxy, 1988. Print.

Corporate Author (5.5.5)

Central Intelligence Agency. *Spies R Us*. Langley: CIA, 1993. Print.

Second or Subsequent Edition (5.5.13)

Pitt, Dirk. *Dangers of the Deep: A Primer on Underwater Salvage*. 4th ed. Los Angeles: Numa, 1995. Print.

Edited Book (5.5.10)

Hiaasen, Carl, ed. *Skink's Recipes for Busy Mothers*. Miami: Camino del Carrona, 1991. Print. [Use this format if your citations are generally to the work of the editor – introduction, the notes, or editorial decisions regarding the text.]

or, an author whose work is edited:

Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage*. 1895. Ed. Clinton Tyree. Miami, FL: Tradewinds, 1991. Print.

Multivolume Work (5.5.14)

There are various options for this type of publication – see the *MLA Handbook!*

If using only one volume:

Trout, Kilgore, ed. *The Treatment of Mental Dysfunction*. Vol. 3. Midland City: Champion, 1976. Print.

If using 2 or more volumes (Specific references to volume and page number belong in the text, see *MLA Handbook*, sec. 3:212-13 and sec. 6):

Trout, Kilgore, ed. *The Treatment of Mental Dysfunction*. 4 vols. Midland City: Champion, 1976. Print.

General Encyclopedia, Signed Article (5.5.7)

Samsa, Gregor. "Insects." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 25th ed. 2006. Print.

General Encyclopedia, Unsigned Article (5.5.7)

"Elvis Cole." *Who's Who in America*. 62nd ed. 2008. Print.

Specialized Encyclopedia, or Other Reference Work, Signed Article (5.5.7 and 5.5.14)

Chambers, Ishmael. "Angling in Puget Sound." *Fishing Encyclopedia*. Ed. John Smith. 2nd ed. Seattle: Cedar Tree, 2002. Print.

Dictionary (5.5.7) – Definition.

"Parody." Def. *The Oxford English Dictionary*. 2nd ed. 1989. Print.

MAGAZINES/JOURNALS

Note the variations in citations for articles in magazines and journals. *They are not the same!*

General sequence of information to provide when applicable:

Author's name. "Title of the article." Name of the periodical. Series number or name (if relevant).

Volume number (for scholarly journal). Issue number (for scholarly journal). Date of publication. Page numbers. Print.

Magazine Article with Author (5.4.6) [not printed on consecutive pages]

Medea, I.M. "Planning a Day with Your Children and Relatives." *Suburban Mother* June 1995: 73+. Print.

Magazine Article with No Author (5.4.6) [printed on consecutive pages]

"Creative Complements to Your Montresor-Style Alcove." *Weekend Do-It-Yourself Magazine* 15 Aug. 1994: 64-66. Print.

Scholarly Journal Article, Continuous Paging for Volume (5.4.2)

Renko, Arkady. "Analyzing Organic Substances for Evidentiary Value: Gorky Park Site." *Russian Forensic Review* 36.4 (1982): 284-325. Print.

Scholarly Journal Article (5.4.2) [not printed on consecutive pages]

Barnes, Jake. "Psychological and Physiological Adjustments of War Veterans." *Pamplona Quarterly* 22.4 (1937): 25+. Print.

Book Review (5.4.7)

Aardvark, Arfy. "AWOL Again?" Rev. of *Another Mission of Avignon* by John Yossarian. *Clovis Review of Books* 10 Sept. 1949: 22. Print.

NEWSPAPERS

Notes:

- Use the name of the newspaper as provided on the masthead, but omit any introductory article (*New York Times* not *The New York Times*)
- If the city of publication is not included in the name of a locally published newspaper, add the city in square brackets, not italicized, after the name: *Arizona Republic* [Phoenix]
- For a site sponsored by a newspaper, see *MLA Handbook*, 5.6.2.b.

Article with Author (5.4.5)

Carraway, Nicholas. "Don't Be a Party Pooper." *News-Observer* [West Egg] 22 Aug. 1952: C3+. Print.

[If there is not an author, begin with the title of the article, **5.4.10**]

Editorial (5.4.10) (Unsigned)

“Sparrow and Piracy.” Editorial. *Caribbean Times* 6 Feb. 2003, Eastern ed.: B4. Print.

MISCELLANEOUS

Audio Recording – Book (5.7.3 – please consult *MLA Handbook*)

Hermann, Edward, narr. *John Adams*. By David McCullough. Simon, 2001. CD.

[Place of publication not entered. Specify appropriate media format (audiocassette, mpg file, if work is not on compact disk as example.]

Film (5.7.3)

It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. 1946. Republic, 2001. DVD.

Interviews (5.7.7)

(Published)

Gordimer, Nadine. Interview. *New York Times* 10 Oct. 1991, Late ed.: C25. Print.

(Interviews Broadcast on Radio or Television)

Nader, Ralph. Interview with Ray Suarez. *Talk of the Nation*. Natl. Public Radio. WBUR, Boston. 16 Apr. 1998. Radio.

(Personal) (indicate the type of interview – personal, telephone) (See 5.6.2b for interviews on the web)

McCain, John. Personal interview. 10 Nov. 2002.

Napolitano, Janet. Telephone interview. 10 Nov. 2002.

E-Mail Communication (5.7.13)

Smith, John. “Re: Jamestown Colony.” Message to John Rolfe. 10 May 2008. E-mail.

Or, if to yourself:

Smith, John. “Re: Jamestown Colony.” Message to the author. 10 May 2008. E-mail.

