MLA Style: Formatting and Examples

In-text Citations (6.1–6.4) Basic Formats and Examples

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*Please see sections 6.1-6.4 in the MLA handbook for more in-text citation examples and explanations.

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**Works Cited Entries:**

*Please note that all works cited list entries will need to be double-spaced in your paper (MLA 3.4).*

**BOOKS (Print)**

**General format, author, chapter in book (print):**
Author’s name. "Title of chapter." *Title of the book.*
Name of 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.

**Anonymous book (5.5.9):**
[alphabetize under H]

**Book, one author (5.5.2):**

**Book, two or more authors (5.5.4):**

**Corporate author (5.5.5):**

**Second or subsequent edition (5.5.13):**

**Edited book (5.5.10):**

**Edited book (5.5.10)–Citing the work of the editor (intro, notes, or editorial decisions):**

**Multivolume work (5.5.14)–If using one vol:**

**Multivolume work (5.5.14)–If using two or more volumes** [Specific references to volume and page number belong in the text, see MLA Handbook, sec. 3:212-13 and sec. 6]:

**General encyclopedia, signed article (5.5.7):**

**General encyclopedia, unsigned article (5.5.7):**

**Specialized encyclopedia or other reference work, signed article (5.5.7 and 5.5.14):**

**Dictionary definition (5.5.7):**

**BOOKS (Electronic)**

**Electronic book (5.5, 5.6.2.c.) Ebrary example:**

[EBRARY is a subscription database for electronic books (e-books). “If the guidelines in 5.5 call for inclusive page numbers and they are not present in the source, use N. pag.” (p. 179, p.187) See also 5.5.24.]

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MAGAZINE / JOURNAL ARTICLES (Print)

General format, authored periodical article (print):
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, authored, not consecutive paging (5.4.6) example:

Magazine article, no author, consecutive paging (5.4.6) example:

MAGAZINE / JOURNAL ARTICLES (Electronic)

General format, authored magazine article from database (electronic):
Author’s name. “Title of the article.” Name of the magazine. Date: pages. Name of the database used. Web. Date accessed.

Articles that are reproduced in online database(s) (5.5.6, 5.6) multiple examples by database & type are listed below:

African American Experience, Latino American Experience, World Folklore and Folklife, Daily Life Online, general format:

CQ Researcher, online version of the paper/print resource: no page numbers example:

FirstSearch, magazine example:

Scholarly journal article, continuous paging (5.4.2) example:

Scholarly journal article, not consecutive paging (5.4.2) example:

Book review (5.4.7) example:

Latino American Experience resource material example:

Encyclopedia Britannica (online) entry example:

FirstSearch, scholarly journal example:

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**NEwsPaper ARTicles (Print & Electronic)**

Newspaper article, authored, print (5.4.5) example:

Newspaper article, unsigned print (5.4.10) example:

Newspaper article from online database example:

ProQuest Databases: *Newspapers (ProQuest Newspapers)* article example:

**Audiovisual MaTerials**

Audio recording–book as audiocassette (5.7.3 – please consult) example:

Audio recording–book as CD (5.7.3 – please consult) example:

Motion picture or film (5.7.3) example:

Online video clip from You Tube (adapted from UC-Berkeley model) examples:


General format, streamed video from database:
Title of video. Director of Video. Publisher of Video. Date of Publication. Database. Web. Date of access. <url>.

Streamed videos from GCC’s FMG collection (5.7.3, 5.6.2.d) example:

Images (5.6.2.d, 5.7.6, 5.7.18)--Database format (5.6.4) as for *AP Images* example:

Images--Following a web page format (5.6.2.b. and d.) for *AP Images* example:

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