

Citing Print Resources: MLA Style

This handout is a short guide for citing commonly used paper sources using Modern Language Association (MLA) style. For additional information, consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th ed.), available in Quick Reference and in the stacks under call number PE2369.G 5 2009. Websites with additional citation examples can be found using the “Citation/Writing Help” link on the [WSU Libraries homepage](#).

General Paper Format

- Double space entire paper and use 1” margins
- Use header with page number in right hand corner
- No title page. Instead, on the first page, list your name, instructor, course, and date on separate lines on the left hand side.
- Single space after punctuation.

In-Text Citation Format

- Sources need to be cited parenthetically within text.
- Citation style: (AuthorLast Page#)
- If author mentioned in text, just use page number.
- If no author, use first word(s) of title as necessary to identify it in bibliography. If more than one work by same author is listed, include first word of title in citation.
- Full bibliographic entry is included in a separate Works Cited page at end.
- Each in-text citation must have a corresponding bibliographic entry.

Book

Author. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

Delgado, Melvin. *Social Work with Latinos: A Cultural Assets Paradigm*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. Print.

Special Cases

- Book with no author: Start and alphabetize with title of book
- Book with more than one author: Invert name of first author but list subsequent authors Firstname Lastname. If more than three authors, you may list first author then phrase “et al.”
- Multiple books by same author: Include author in first citation. For subsequent citations, use three hyphens and a period in place of author. Alphabetize by title.

One Work in Anthology/Collection
(Includes essays, chapters, short stories, poems, etc.)

Author. "Title of Selection." *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor's Name(s). Place of Publication:
Publisher, Year. Pages. Medium of Publication.

Lewis, Marilyn. "Classroom Management." *Methodology in Language Teaching: An Anthology of Current Practice*. Eds. Jack C. Richards and Willy A. Renandya. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001. 33-48. Print.

Magazine/Newspaper Article

For newspapers with more than one edition, need to identify edition after the date.

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: Pages. Medium of Publication.

Luscombe, Belinda. "The Truth about Teen Girls." *Time* 22 Sept. 2008: 66. Print.

Scholarly Journal Article

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): Pages. Medium of Publication.

Curby, Timothy W., et al. "The Role of Social Competence in Predicting Gifted Enrollment." *Psychology in the Schools* 45.8 (2008): 729-744. Print.

Government Publications

Cite government publications like you would a book. If no author is given, then use the government name followed by the agency that created publication as corporate author.

United States. Dept. of Transportation. Library Services Division. *Aircraft and Air Pollution: Selected Readings*. Washington: GPO, 1971. Print.

Dissertations/Master's Thesis

Cite the work as you would a book, but include the designation Diss. (or MA/MS thesis) followed by the degree-granting school and the year the degree was awarded (before publication information). If published, underline the title. If unpublished, put quotes around title and put the year degree was granted at the end.

Gunbatar, Yakup. *Automatic Airspace Avoidance Using Advanced Flight Control System*. MS Thesis. Wichita State University, 2006. Ann Arbor: UMI, 2007. Print.