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**MLA Citation and Works Cited Guide**

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- **Double space** entire Works Cited Page.
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- **Alphabetize** entries and indent second and following lines (CALLED A HANGING INDENT).

**BOOK – ONE AUTHOR 5.5.2**

Author (last name first). *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Jones, Mark. *The Way Out*. New York: Oxford, 1998. Print

**BOOK – TWO OR MORE AUTHORS 5.5.4**

First author (last name first), and second author (first name first). *Title of Book*. City of Publication:  
Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Doe, John, and Linda R. Waugh. *The Sound Shape of Language*. Bloomington: Indiana UP, 1999. Print.

**BOOK WITH FOUR OR MORE AUTHORS 5.5.4**

First author (last name first), et al. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Marine, April, et al. *Internet: Getting Started*. Englewood Cliffs: PTR Prentice Hall, 1994. Print

**BOOK- CORPORATE AUTHOR 5.5.5**

Name of corporation. *Title of book*. City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Print.

National Allergy Association. *Allergies in Children*. New York: Random, 1998. Print.

**BOOK – WITH AN EDITOR**

Editor (last name first), ed. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Print.

Ruitenbeek, Hendrick, ed. *Freud as We Knew Him*. Detroit: Wayne State UP, 1973.

**BOOK – WITH AN AUTHOR AND EDITOR**

Author (last name first). *Title of Book*. Ed. Name of editor (first name first). City of Publication:  
Publisher, Year of publication. Print.

Shakespeare, William. *Macbeth*. Ed. Sylvan Barnet. New York: Signet NAL, 1963. Print.

**AN INTRODUCTION, a PREFACE, a FORWARD, or an AFTERWARD 5.5.8**

Name of author (last name first). Name of part being cited. *Title of Book/publication*. By Author of Publication  
(first name first). City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Pages. Print.

Sears, Barry. Afterword. *The Jungle*. By Upton Sinclair. New York: Signet, 2001. 343-47. Print.

**ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE BOOK (ENCYCLOPEDIA, OR DICTIONARY) 5.5.7.**

Author of article (last name first). "Title of article." *Title of dictionary or encyclopedia*. Edition. Year of  
publication. Print.

"Mandarin." *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. 1998. Print.

Doe, Jane. "Indian Philosophy." *New Encyclopedia Britannica: Macropaedia*. 15<sup>th</sup> ed. 1987. Print.

**LESSER KNOWN REFERENCE BOOKS**

Author (last name first). "Title of article." *Title of Reference Book*. Ed. Name of editor (first name first).  
Number of vols. City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Print.

Trainen, Isaac N. "Religious Directives in Medical Ethics." *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*. Ed. Warren T.  
Reich. 4 vols. New York: Harcourt, 1999. Print.

**ANONYMOUS BOOK 5.5.9**

*Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Print.

*A Guide to our Federal Lands*. Washington: National Geographic Society, 1984. Print.

**WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY 5.5.6**

Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor's Name(s). Place of Publication: Publisher,  
Year. Page range of entry. Print..

Alvarez, Julia. "Snow." *Elements of Literature: Third Course*. Ed. Mary Bulkot. Austin: Holt, Rinehart  
and Winston, 2000. 83-98. Print.

**ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE 5.4.6**

Author of article (last name first). "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Date published: page numbers. Print.

Armstrong, Larry. "Iran Contra." *Newsweek* 28 February 1987: 61-70. Print.

**ARTICLE IN A NEWSPAPER 5.4.5**

Author of article (last name first). "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Date published: section and page number.

Print.

Barnes, Fred. "Judge Rules on Case." *New York Times* 30 December 1993: C1+. Print.

**BROCHURE, PAMPHLET OR PRESS RELEASE 5.6.19**

Corporation or publisher. *Title of Pamphlet*. City of publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Modern Language Association. *Language Study in the Age of Globalization*. New York: MLA, n.d. Print.

Modern Language Association. *Modern Language Association Announces New and Improved MLA Language Map*.

New York: MLA, 18 Apr. 2006. Print.

**FILM OR VIDEO RECORDING 5.7.3**

*Title of film*. Dir. Director's Name (first name first). Perf. Names of major performers/ actors (first name first). Movie studio, year of film. Film.

Schindler's List. Dir. Steven Spielberg. Perf. Liam Neeson and Ben Kingsley. Universal, 1993. Film.

**INTERVIEW 5.7.7**

PERSONAL

Name of person interviewed (last name first). Kind of Interview. Date of interview.

Furcron, Laura. Personal Interview. 11 Nov. 2005.

Reed, Ishmael. Telephone Interview. 10 Dec. 2007.

PUBLISHED

Name of person interviewed (last name first). "Title of Interview" (if no title Interview). *Title of publication*.

Interview with name of interviewer (first name first). Broadcaster information. Date of interview. Medium of publication.

Breslin, Jimmy. Interview with Neal Conan. *Talk of the Nation*. Natl. Public Radio. WBDR, Boston. 26

March 2002. Radio.

Lansbury, Angela. Interview. *Off Camera: Conversations with the Makers of Prime-Time Television*. By Richard

Levinson and William Link. New York: Plume-NAL, 1986. 72-86. Print.

### **TAKING SIDES ARTICLES**

Author of article (last name first). "Title of Article." *Title of Original Publication* Date of original article:

page number. Reprinted in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues*. Ed. Editor's

name (first name first). City of Publication: Publisher, Year of publication. pages. Print.

Fitzgerald, Faith T. "The Tyranny of Health." *The New England Journal of Medicine* 25 October 1995:

196-198. Reprinted in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Health and*

*Society*. Ed. Eileen L. Daniel. Guilford, CT: Dushkin, 1996. 68-70. Print.

### **WEB PUBLICATIONS 5.6**

Use *n.p.* if no publisher name is available and *n.d.* if not publishing date is given.

### **AN ENTIRE WEBSITE**

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available) (last name first). *Name of Site*. Version number. Name of

institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date. Medium of publication. Date of access.

*The Purdue OWL Family of Sites*. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008. Web. 23 April 2008.

### **A PAGE ON A WEBSITE**

Follow same format as above.

"How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow.com*. eHow, n.d. Web. 24 Feb. 2009.

### **AN IMAGE (PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPH OR SCULPTURE)**

Artist's name (last name first). *Work of Art*. Date of creation. Institute or city where work is housed. *Name of Website*.

Medium of publication. date of access.

Goya, Francisco. *The Family of Charles IV*. 1800. Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid. *Museo Nacional del Prado*.

Web. 22 May 2006.

Klee, Paul. *Twittering Machine*. 1922. Museum of Modern Art, New York. *The Artchive*. Web. 22 May 2006.

### **ONLINE MAGAZINE**

Author name (last name first). "Title of article." *Title of Magazine*. Publisher name, publisher date. Medium.

Date of access.

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*. A List Apart

Mag., 16 Aug. 2002. Web. 4 May 2009.

### ONLINE NEWSPAPER

Author of article (last name first). "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Date published. Web. Date accessed.

Achenbach, Joel. "America's River." *Washington Post* 5 May 2002. Web. 20 May 2005.

### FORMAT TO FOLLOW FOR ONLINE DATABASES

"Cite articles from online databases (e.g. LexisNexis, ProQuest, JSTOR, ScienceDirect) and other subscription Service just as you would print sources" then add the database used, medium of publication (web) and date of access (OWL).

### **EXAMPLES:**

Junge, Wolfgang, and Nathan Nelson. "Nature's Rotary Electromotors." *Science* 29 Apr. 2005: 642-44. *Science Online*. Web. 5 Mar. 2009.

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *Historical Journal* 50.1 (2007): 173-96. *ProQuest*. Web. 27 May 2009.

### **Internal Documentation**

The MLA method of internal documentation allows the reader of your paper to easily trace the source of your material to your Works Cited Page. You, the writer, **MUST** use **internal documentation** to give credit to *any* ideas not your own and to any quoted words. Internal documentation tells exactly what information you have summarized, paraphrased, or quoted and exactly where you found the material.

### **Internal Documentation Models**

- 1. Book, 1 Author:** More seeing-eye dogs are being trained (Mills 46). (author's last name followed by the page number)
- 2. Book, 2 or 3 Authors:** Math skills among young Americans have improved (Baldwin and Clark 21). (Both authors' last name in the order they are listed followed by the page number)
- 3. Book, more than 3 authors:** Additional world civilization courses are being offered in today's colleges (Lopez et al. 321). (The last name of the first author listed followed by "et al." followed by the page number)
- 4. Article in a reference book:** "Religion is a set of beliefs concerning the cause, nature, and purpose of the universe" (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* 1145). (Title of the reference book followed by the page number)
- 5. Pamphlet:** Today's students are choosing more science careers (Stewart). (Author's last name)
- 6. Newspaper:** The use of vitamins has increased fifty percent in the past year (Smith A1). (Author's last name followed by the section and page number).

**7. Magazine:** The cure rate for all types of cancer doubled during the past decade (Parker 35). (Author's last name followed by the page number).

**8. Interviews:** I have found volunteering in my child's school very rewarding (McKay). (Last name of person interviewed).

**9. Infotrac:** Kentucky needs more family practice doctors (Martin). (Cite by author's last name. If it's not given, use a shortened version of the title of article).

**10. Encyclopedia Online:** The Atlantic Ocean is cleaner today than a decade ago ("Oceans of the World"). (Cite by author's last name. If it's not given, use a shortened version of the title of article).

**11. SIRS:** Sports cars are safer today than even (Jones). (Cite by author's last name. If it's not given, use a shortened version of the title of article).

**12. General Internet:** "Mr. Showbiz" will soon have a new cast of characters ("Mr. Showbiz"). (Cite by author's last name. If it's not given, use a shortened version of the title of article).

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- Milken, Michael, Gary Becker, Myron Scholes, and Daniel Kahneman. "On Global Warming and Financial Imbalances." *New Perspectives Quarterly* 23.4 (2006): 63. Print.
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- . "Global Warming Economics." *Science* 9 Nov. 2001: 1283-84. *Science Online*. Web. 24 May 2009.
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