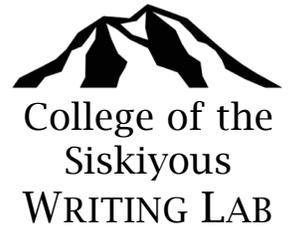


MLA DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WORLD-WIDE WEB



INTRODUCTION: Follow these guidelines to cite sources from the Internet. The basic rules are the same for both print and electronic sources.

Important Update in MLA

MLA now recommends a universal set of guidelines that writers can apply to any source, in any field. MLA's list of core elements is those basic pieces of information that MLA suggests/encourages in each Works Cited entry. In the current 2016 version, punctuation is simpler (just commas and periods separate the elements), and information about the source is kept to basics.

Basic Style for Citations of Electronic Sources (Including Online Databases)

Here are some common features you should try and find before citing electronic sources in MLA style. Include a URL or web address to help readers locate your sources. Not every Web page will provide all the bulleted information listed below--Collect as much of the following information as possible for both your citations and research notes:

- Author and/or editor names (if available)
- Title: Book name in italics and article name in quotation marks.
- Title of the larger work in which the source is located (MLA calls this a "container")—a collection, a journal, a magazine, a website, a project, a book, a television series, and so on (in italics)
- Any version numbers available, including editions (ed.), revisions, posting dates, volumes (vol.), or issue numbers (no.).
- Publisher or sponsor information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
- Take note of any page numbers (p. or pp.) or paragraph numbers (par. or pars.).
- Date you accessed the material (Date Accessed). It is not required to do so but especially encouraged when there is no copyright date listed on a website.
- URL (without the https ://), DOI, or permalink.
- Remember to cite containers after your regular citation. Examples of containers are collections of short stories or poems, a television series, or even a website. A container is anything that is a part of a larger body of works.

Additional Guidelines

- If a source has no date, give your date of access at the end.
- Give a permalink or a DOI if a source has one.
- If a source does not have a permalink or a DOI, include a URL (omit http ://).
- For a library's subscription database, such as Academic ASAP or JSTOR, include only the basic URL for the database home page.
- For open databases and archives, such as Google Books, give the complete URL for the source.

Use the following format:

Author. Title. *Title of container* (self contained if book), Other contributors (translators or editors), Version (edition), Number (vol. and/or no.), Publisher, Publication Date, Location (pages, paragraphs and /or URL, DOI or permalink). 2nd container's title, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location, Date of Access (if applicable).

Entire Web Site

- If title of a Web site and publisher are the same or similar, use title of site but omit publisher.

Felluga, Dino. *Guide to Literary and Critical Theory*. Purdue U, 28 Nov. 2003,

www.cla.purdue.edu/english/theory/. Accessed 10 May 2006.

A Page on a Web Site

- List author or alias if known.

“Athlete’s Foot--Topic Overview.” *WebMD*, 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview.

Lundman, Susan. “How to Make Vegetarian Chili.” *eHow*, www.ehow.com/how_10727_make-vegetarian-chili.html. Accessed 6 July 2015.

A Posting or an Article at a Web Site

Hollimichel, Stefanie. “The Reading Brain: Differences between Digital and Print.” *So Many*

Books, 25 Apr. 2013, somanycbooksblog.com/2013/04/25/the-reading-brain-differences-between-digital-and-print/.

Book

Piketty, Thomas. *Capitol in the Twenty-First Century*. Translated by Arthur Goldhammer, Harvard UP, 2014. *Google Books*, books.google.com/books?isbn=0674369556.

Article in a Reference Database

(Also See Work from a Subscription Service)

Macari, Anne Marie. "Lyric Impulse in a Time of Extinction." *American Poetry Review*, vol.44, no. 4, July/Aug. 2015, pp. 11-14. *General OneFile*, go.galegroup.com/.

Article in a Journal

- If a DOI is available, cite the DOI number instead of the URL.

Caceres, Sigfrido Burgos. "Towards Concert in Africa: Seeking Progress and Power through Cohesion and Unity." *Africans Studies Quarterly*, vol. 12, no. 4, Fall 2011, pp. 59-73, www.asq.africa.ufl.edu/files/Caceres-Vol12Is4.pdf.

Article in a Magazine

- Online magazines and newspapers sometimes include a "permalink," which is a shortened, stable version of a URL. If you find a permalink, use that instead of a URL.

Leonard, Andrew. "The Surveillance State High School." *Salon*, 27 Nov. 2012, www.salon.com/2012/11/27/the_surveillance_state_high_school/.

Work from a Subscription Service

(EBSCOhost, [MasterFile Premier](#) & [National Newspapers](#))

Maier, Jessica. "A True Likeness: The Renaissance City Portrait." *Renaissance Quarterly*, vol. 65, no. 3, Fall 2012, pp. 711-52. *JSTOR*, doi: 10.1086/668300.

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *Historical Journal*, vol. 50, no. 1, 2007, pp. 173-96. *ProQuest*, doi: 10.1017/S0018246X06005966. Accessed 27 May 2009.

A Listserv, Discussion Group, or Blog Posting

- Cite web postings as you would a standard web entry. Include screen names as author names when author name is not known. If both names are known, place the author's name in brackets.

Salmar1515 [Sal Hernandez]. "Re: Best Strategy: Fenced Pastures vs. Max Number of Rooms?" *Boardgame Geek*, 29 Sept. 2008, boardgamegeek.com/thread/343929/best-strategy-fenced-pastures-vs-max-number-room. Accessed 5 Apr. 2009.

Email, Including Email Interviews

Neyhart, David. "Re: Online Tutoring." Received by Joe Barbato, 1 Dec. 2016.