For use with the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 7th ed.
Unless otherwise noted, all page #’s refer to the 7th edition of the Handbook

Helpful Information

- Double space entries. If an entry runs more than one line, indent the next line(s) ½ inch (5 spaces) (130-31).
- Include author’s name(s) as appears in source, but put last name first to alphabetize by. Leave out titles and degrees such as “PhD” and “MD” but include suffixes such as “Jr.” (149-51). If work lists corporate author, see p. 224.
- If source has more than 3 authors, an option is to put “et al.” after 1st author’s name to represent authors 2+ (see example in books section for additional options) (154-56).
- If no author given, start with title and alphabetize entry by title (132, 162).
- Include publication medium (usually either “Print” or “Web”) (xvii, 136, 187).

Books (Print)

Helpful Information - Books
-Publishers: omit beginning articles (the, a, an), business abbreviations, and descriptive words (Co., Corp., Books, House, Press, etc). Abbreviate University Press as UP (ex: South Carolina UP or U of Arizona P). If publisher made up of people’s names, only use the last name of the first person. See MLA Handbook for common abbreviations (247-49).
- For reference works and anthologies, include name of editor if given (153-54, 157).
- If book used is part of a multivolume set, include the volume # used (168).
- If no author given, begin entry with title of book or article (pg 132, 162)
- If no date given, use “n.d.” (179).
- If no publisher given, put “n.p.” (179).
- If no pages given, put “n. pag.” (179).
- If no place of publication given, put “n.p.” (179).

Books with Author (148-49)

Author’s Last name, First name. Title of Book. EDITION ed. City of publication: Publisher, year. Publication medium.

Edition information given:


No edition info given:

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Books (Print) Cont.

Books with Two or More Authors (154-56)

First author's Last name, First name, and second author's First name Last name. Title of Book. EDITION ed. City of publication: Publisher, year. Publication medium.


If more than 3 author there are two options: name only the first author and add “et al.” (“and others”) or give all the names in full (155):

James, David K., et al. Or James, David K., Philip J. Steer, Carl P. Weiner, and Bernard Gonik.

Part of a Book: Chapter, Essay, Article, Poem, Story, etc. or Article from Reference Book (157-61; 89-90)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Essay, Chapter or Article." Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. Vol. #. City of publication: Publisher, year. page number(s). Publication medium.

Note: Include page number(s) if entries are not in alphabetical order.


Note: If you are citing a play or a novel, italicize title instead of putting in quotation marks (157)


For an abbreviated way to cite entry from a well-known dictionary or encyclopedia, see pg. 160-61 of Handbook

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Previously Published Scholarly Article in a Collection of Essays or Articles (159-60)

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Essay or Article.” Name and publication information about book or journal where article was originally published. Rpt. in Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. Vol. #. City of Publication: Publisher, year. Page numbers. Publication medium.

Reprinted Book Article:


Reprinted Journal Article:


Note: For information on how to cite an article from a journal, see the next section on Journal Articles (Paper).

Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Articles (Print)

For tips on referencing articles, see information in database section under “Articles”

Journal Article (Paper) (136-41)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number.issue number (year): page number(s). Publication medium.


Magazine or Newspaper Article (Paper) (141-48)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine or Newspaper Day Month Year of article: page number(s). Publication medium.


Articles and Books from Library’s Electronic Databases (Web)

Helpful Information- Databases
- Information in this section is grouped by type of source being cited.
- To cite your database source correctly, you will need to know if it is a book, article from a book, magazine, newspaper, or journal article. Once you know, go to the appropriate section of this handout.
- If no publication information is given or if just a date is given, go to “Articles from Library’s Reference Databases –Only Date Given.”
- Abbreviate months except May, June, and July (pg. 143; 7.2).

- SCC’s most commonly used databases are published by EBSCO and Gale

Book or Periodical Article from a Database (187-89; 192)

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” Name and publication information of book or periodical.

Database Name. Publication medium. Day Month Year of access.

Books and Book Articles from Library’s Databases (Web)

For instructions on citing information from the Library’s Databases see previous page

Helpful Information - Books
- Publishers: omit beginning articles (the, a, an), business abbreviations, and descriptive words (Co., Corp., Books, House, Press, etc.). Abbreviate University Press as UP (ex: South Carolina UP or U of Arizona P). If publisher made up of people’s names, only use the last name of the first person. Common abbreviations on 248-49.
- For reference works and anthologies, include name of editor if given (153-54,157).
- If book used is part of a multivolume set, include the volume # used (168).
- If no author given, begin entry with title of book or article (pg 132, 162).
Note: see books section at beginning of handout for examples of variations of books (# of authors, etc).

Book from Database (187-89)

Author’s Last name, First name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Name of Database. Publication medium. Day Month Year of Access.


http://library.sccsc.edu/handouts/mla_format.htm
Book Article from Database (reference book article or article from collection of essays, etc.) (187-89)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. Vol. #. City of Publication: Publisher, year. page number(s). Name of Database. Publication medium. Day Month Year of access.


Library Databases with articles from books: Netlibrary (when using reference book or collection of essays), Gale Databases, EBSCO Databases, Facts on File Health Reference Center, Salem, SIRS.

Book Article from Book in a Series (MLA pp. 170-71; pp. 187-89)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. City of Publication: Publisher, year. Name of Series. Page number(s). Name of Database. Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of access.


Library Databases with articles from books from a series: Bloom’s Literary Reference Online
Magazine, Newspaper, and Journal Articles from a Database

Helpful Information – Articles
- Periodicals: omit beginning articles of periodical titles (the, a, an) (139, 141).
- Abbreviate months except May, June and July (pg. 143, also 7.2).
- If not sure if periodical is journal or magazine – when in doubt include volume # (139).
- If article is not printed on consecutive pages, write only the first page number and a plus sign. Example: 53+; D7+.
- If newspaper is local publication, include city of publication in square brackets, not italicized, if not part of newspaper name: Independent Tribune [Concord] (141).
- If no pages given, use: n. pag. (179)

Note: see beginning of handout for examples of # of authors.

Journal Article from Library Database (192-93; 136-40)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Journal Volume number. issue number (year): page number(s). Database Name. Publication medium. Day Month Year of access.


Library Databases with journal articles: Gale Databases, EBSCO Databases, Career and Technical Education.

Magazine, Newspaper, and Journal Articles from a Database (Web), Cont.

Magazine or Newspaper Article from Library Database (192-93, 187-89)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Magazine or Newspaper Day Month Year of article: page number(s). Database Name. Publication medium. Day Month Year of access.


Databases with magazine articles: Gale Databases, EBSCO Databases, SIRS, Career and Technical Education.

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Articles from Library’s Reference Databases (Web) – Only Date Given

**Basic Example (185-86)**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Database. Publisher of Database, Day Month Year of article or database copyright date. Publication medium. Day Month Year of access.

Note: the Publisher of the Database can be found by the © symbol near the bottom of the page

**Examples, Alphabetically by Database Name:**

**Access Science**


**Country Watch**


**CultureGrams**


**Encyclopedia Britannica**


**Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center**


**Funk and Wagnell’s New World Encyclopedia**


**Hoovers’ Online**

Articles from library’s reference databases (web)- only date given cont.

Issues and Controversies


Today’s Science


Television Broadcast from NBC Learn (189-90; 193-95)

“Title of Episode or Segment.” Title of the Program or Series. Name of Network if Given. Call letters and city of local station if given. Day Month Year of Broadcast. Title of Database. Medium of publication. Day Month Year of Access.

Websites

Helpful Information - Websites
- If source is a journal, magazine, newspaper, or book article found on a website, cite exactly as database examples, but put name of website instead of database (187-89; 192).
- MLA asks for version or edition of the websites used; few websites have this information.
- If no date given, use “n.d.” (179).
- If no publisher or sponsor of website given, put “n.p.” (179).
- If no pages given, put “n. pag.” (179). - If no place of publication given, put “n.p.” (179).
- Only include URL “if reader probably cannot locate source without it or when your instructor requires it.” If possible, give complete address of the article you are citing. If address is extremely long then give address of site’s main page (182).

Website Article Found Only Online (no print publication information given) (184-87)

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Document.” Title of Internet Site. Publisher or Sponsor of site, Day Month Year of Source. Publication Medium. Day Month Year of access. <include URL/web address only if source cannot be located without it or if instructor requires it>.


Photo or Other Image on the web (200-01; 185-87)

include the medium of composition (photograph, painting, etc.) after title (200-01; 185-87).


Entire Internet Site (184-87)

Author or editor of site. Title of Internet Site. Publisher or Sponsor of site, Day Month Year of Source. Publication medium. Day Month Year of access. <include URL/web address only if source cannot be located without it or if instructor requires it>. Note: if editor given, put “ed.” after name.

Interviews

Interview (201-02)

Person's Last name, First name. Type of interview. Day month year of interview.


Note: Examples of types of interviews are “E-mail interview,” “Telephone interview” or “Personal interview.” See p. 201 for examples of published or broadcast interviews

Movies

Movie on VHS or DVD (197-98)

Name of Movie. Dir. DIRECTOR’S NAME. Perf. NAME OF KEY PERFORMERS. original year of release if given. Distributer, copyright date. Publication medium.


Note: Other mediums, such as “Videocassette,” can substitute for “DVD.”