

MLA Quick Reference

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- ◆ MLA style requires double-spaced Works Cited. The following examples are single-spaced to conserve space.
- ◆ Although the following titles are underlined, MLA style allows for the consistent use of either italics or underlining.
- ◆ Remember to remove the hyperlink when typing URLs.

MLA Encyclopedias

PRINT EXAMPLE *If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." Title of Encyclopedia. Edition.
(Please note that the year of publication is often the edition. See example below)

Strahle, Warren C. "Rocket." The World Book Encyclopedia. 1995 ed.

ELECTRONIC EXAMPLES *If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

Author. "Article Title." Title of Encyclopedia. Publication Date. Name of institution or organization associated with the encyclopedia. Day Month Year of access <URL>.

Garrison, David L. "Marine Biology." World Book Online Americas Edition. 2001. World Book. 20 March 2001 <<http://www.worldbookonline.com>>.

MLA Books and Reference Books

MLA PRINT BOOKS *If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

Author's name. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication.

ONE AUTHOR

Dixon, John. Forces and Movement. Mankato, MI: Smart Apple Media, 1999.

TWO or THREE AUTHORS

Dixon, John, Sue White, and Sheila Adams. Forces and Movement. Mankato, MI: Smart Apple Media, 1999.

MORE THAN THREE AUTHORS For more than 3 authors, name the first and add et al. (and others)

Dixon, John, et al. Forces and Movement. Mankato, MI: Smart Apple Media, 1999.

BOOK WITH EDITOR

Buller, Laura, ed. Mind and Perception. New York: Marshall Cavendish, 1990.

SEPARATE CHAPTER/ARTICLE IN BOOK WITH EDITOR

Morell, Virginia. "Cloning Monkeys: Are Humans Next?" Cloning. Ed. Lisa Yount. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 2000. 30-38.



MLA ONE VOLUME IN MULTIVOLUME PRINT WORK

"Broadcast Engineer." Exploring Tech Careers: Real People Tell You What You Need to Know. Vol. 1. Chicago: Ferguson, 1998.



MLA ONLINE BOOK

"Friction." DISCovering Science. Gale Research, 1996. Student Resource Center. Still Middle School Lib., Aurora, IL. 10 Nov. 2001 < <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/SRC/>>.

MLA DICTIONARY

"Dictionary entry." Dictionary title. Edition. Publication year.

"Momentum." Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. 10th. ed. 1993.

MLA Periodicals (Magazines & Newspapers)



MLA PRINT EXAMPLES *If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

MLA MAGAZINE

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Magazine Title Date: Page Numbers.

Cloud, John. "Should SATs Matter?" Time 12 Mar. 2001: 62-70.

MLA NEWSPAPER

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Newspaper Title Date, Edition, Section : Page Numbers.

Leckey, Andrew. "Sara Lee Mixing a New Recipe." Chicago Tribune 17 Apr. 2001, sec. 3: 1.



MLA ELECTRONIC EXAMPLES *If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

***Note:** Subscriber is the name of the school library or public library where the information was accessed which is given along with the city and state of its location.

MLA MAGAZINE

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Magazine Title Date: Page Numbers. Name of Database. Subscriber Name, City, State. Date of Retrieval <URL>.

Electric Library

Schultz, Stacey. "Would-Be Quitters Get Help Winning Against Nicotine." US News & World Report 29 Apr. 2000: 58. Electric Library. Hill Middle School Lib., Naperville, IL. 12 Apr. 2001 <<http://www.elibrary.com/>>.

SIRS

Maddren, Gerry. "Against All Odds." Cricket Feb. 1998: 21-23. SIRS Discoverer. Granger Middle School Lib., Aurora, IL. 10 Nov. 2001<<http://www.sirs.com>>.

SPECIAL SIRS ARTICLE

Gillis, Jennifer. "Armstrong Wins Tour de France." Special to SIRS Discoverer Aug. 2000. SIRS Discoverer. Granger Middle School Lib., Aurora, IL. 10 Nov. 2001 <<http://www.sirs.com>>.

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Weiss, Patrick. "Model May Expose How Friction Lets Loose." Science News 22 Sep. 2001: 181. Student Resource Center. Hill Middle School Lib., Naperville, IL. 21 May 2002 <<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/SRC/>>.

MLA ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPER *If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Newspaper Title Date, Edition, Section: Page Numbers. Name of Database. Subscriber Name, City, State. Date of Retrieval <URL>.

Electric Library

Mirkin, Gabe. "Endurance Sports Beneficial to Heart." The Washington Times 15 Apr. 2001: C12. Electric Lib. Hill Middle School Lib., Naperville, IL. 16 Apr. 2001 <<http://www.elibrary.com/>>.

SIRS

Walbot, Kristen. "Weird Little Worms." Sun-Sentinel 4 Jan. 1998: G6. SIRS Discoverer. Still Middle School Lib., Aurora, IL. 21 May 2002 <<http://www.sirs.com>>.

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

Pham, Alex. "Video Game Maker Finds Shock Value." Los Angeles Times 7 April 2002: C1. Student Resource Center. Hill Middle School Lib., Naperville, IL. 21 May 2002 <<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/SRC/>>.

Other MLA Electronic Sources



MLA GENERAL WEB SITE *If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

Author's Last Name, First Name. Title of Site. Name of institution or organization associated with the site. Date of access Electronic Address or <URL>.

The Holocaust History Project. 12 Apr. 2001 <<http://www.holocaust-history.org/>>.



MLA OTHER ELECTRONIC DATABASE SOURCES

SIRS WORLD ALMANAC

"All About... Dinosaurs." The World Almanac for Kids2002 2001. SIRS Discoverer. Granger Middle School Library, Aurora, IL. 22 May 2002 <<http://www.sirs.com>>.

SIRS ENCYCLOPEDIA

"World Trade Center." Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia 2001. SIRS Discoverer. Gregory Middle School Library, Aurora, IL. 22 May 2002 <<http://www.sirs.com>>.

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER PRIMARY DOCUMENT

Lincoln, Abraham. Gettysburg Address. American Journey Online: The Civil War. Dec. 2000. Student Resource Center. Scullen Middle School Library, Naperville, IL. 22 May 2002 <<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/SRC/>>.

**Note-Underlining and quotation marks not used for titles of political documents.*

ELECTRIC LIBRARY TV TRANSCRIPT

Donvan, John, and Barbara Walters. "Why Kids Turn Violent." ABC Nightline. ABC. 10 May 1999. Transcript. Electric Library. Hill Middle School Library, Naperville, IL. 22 May 2002 <<http://www.elibrary.com>>.

ELECTRIC LIBRARY PICTURE

Muhammad Ali. 1 Jan. 1996. Archive Photos. Electric Library. Crone Middle School Library, Naperville, IL. 22 May 2002 <<http://www.elibrary.com>>.

MLA CD-ROM



Author's Last Name, First Name(if given). Title of CD. CD-ROM. Place of Publication. Name of the Publisher, Date of Publication.

"Physician." Career Futures. CD-ROM. New York: Bridges, 2000.

Other MLA Citations



MLA INTERVIEW

Name of person interviewed, kind of interview. Day Month Year.

Nye, Bill. Personal interview. 16 April 2001.



MLA PAMPHLET

Title. Place of publication: Publisher. Year of publication.

DOT/CAREER PAMPHLET

Graphics Programmer. Brief 536. Moravia, NY: Chronicle Guidance Publications, 2000.

GENERAL PAMPHLET

Careers in Safety. Des Plaines, IL: American Society of Safety Engineers, 1996.