

MLA Style Citations of Print Sources

The information in this handout, taken from *The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (6th Edition, 2003), covers many of the cases in your research papers in which you'll need to give credit to sources.

Please note: You can use *Italics* in place of underlining.

In The Body of Your Paper (In-Text):

- When you **omit the author's name in your sentence:**
One researcher has found that dreams move backward in time as the night progresses (Dement 71).
- When you mention the **author's name in your sentence:**
Freud states that "a dream is the fulfillment of a wish" (154).
- When you cite more than **one work by the same author:**
One current theory emphasizes the principle that dreams express "profound aspects of personality" (Foulkes, Sleep 184).
- When the work has **two or three authors:**
Psychologists hold that no two children are alike (Gesell and Ilg 68).
- When the work has **no author**, begin with the word by which the title is alphabetized in the Works Cited:
Random testing for use of steroids by athletes is facing strong opposition by owners of several of these teams ("Steroids" 22).

For cases not covered, see *MLA Handbook* (pages 237-260)

In Your Works Cited List (Bibliography):

Books

Double-space all entries and list in alphabetical order by author's last name. Generally, an entry has three main divisions--author, title, and publication information--each followed by a period and two spaces. Indent the 2nd line (and all following lines).

- **One author**
Freedman, Richard R. What Do Unions Do?. New York: Basic, 1984.
- **Two or three authors**
Eggin, Suzanne and Diane Slade. Analyzing Casual Conversation. London: Cassell, 1997.
- **Four or more authors**
Gilman, Sander, et al. Hysteria beyond Freud. Berkeley: U of California P, 1993.
- **Corporate author**
National Research Council. China and Global Change: Opportunities for Collaboration. Washington: Natl. Acad., 1992.
- **Article from a reference book**
Allen, Anita L. "Privacy in Health Care." Encyclopedia of Bioethics. Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. ed. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 1995.
- **Government publication**
Great Britain. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food. National Food Survey. London, HMSO, 1993.
- **No author named**

Encyclopedia of Photography. New York: Crown, 1984.

- **Work with more than one volume**
Sadie, Stanley, ed. The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians. 20 vols. London: Macmillan, 1980.
- **Work with an editor**
Rossetti, Christina. Selected Prose of Christina Rossetti. Ed. David A. Kent. New York: St. Martin's, 1998.
- **Essay** in a collection of essays (**work in an anthology**)
Allende, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden. A Hammock beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America. Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88.
- **Second or later edition**
Newcomb, Horace. Television: The Critical View. 5th ed. New York: Oxford UP, 1994.
- **Two or more books by the same person**
Boroff, Marie, trans. Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. New York: Norton, 1967.

---. Wallace Stevens: A Collection of Critical Essays. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1963.
- **Two or more articles from the same collection:** cite the individual articles **and** the collection itself
Atkin, Charles. "Changing Male and Female Roles." Schwartz 66-70.

Kilborne, Jean. "Sex Roles in Advertising." Schwartz 211-15.

Views of Women in Popular Culture. Ed. Bill Schwartz. New York: Random House, 1994.

For cases not covered, see MLA Handbook (pages 147-179).

Newspapers, Magazines, Journals and Other Sources

- Journal whose page numbers continue to the next issue (**continuous pagination**)
Craner, Paul M.. "New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music." Computers and the Humanities 25 (1991): 303-13.
- Journal whose **pages start anew** with each issue
Barthe, Frederick, and Joseph Murphy. "Alcoholism in Fiction." Kansas Quarterly 7.2 (1981): 30-37.
- **Weekly, biweekly, or monthly magazine**
Mehta, Pratap Bhanu. "Exploding Myths." New Republic 6 June 1998: 17-19.
- **Article in a newspaper**
Feder, Barnaby J. "For Job Seekers, a Toll-Free Gift of Expert Advice." New York Times 30 Dec. 1993, late ed.: D1+.
- **Editorial**
"Death of a Writer." Editorial. New York Times 20 Apr. 1994, late ed.: A18.
- **Film or Video Recording**
It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. RKO, 1946.
- **Anonymous article**
"The Decade of the Spy." Newsweek 7 Mar. 1994: 26-27.
- **Radio or television program**
"Death and Society." Narr. Joanne Silberner. Weekend Edition Sunday. Natl. Public Radio. WUOM, Grand Rapids. 25 Jan. 1998.

*For cases not covered, see MLA Handbook (pages 180-206). To cite **electronic sources**, such as web pages or articles found online, consult the MLA Handbook (pages 207-235, see the library handout) or go to <http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/library/mla.htm>*