

A Guide to MLA Works Cited Format

Book

Last Name of Author, First Name of Author. *Title of Book*. Publication City: Publisher, Year. Medium (print/web).

Lowry, Lois. *The Giver*. New York: Laurel Leaf, 1993. Print.

If two or more authors wrote your source, give the last name first for the first author only; use first name first for the other(s). For four or more authors, list the first author, and then put the words "et al."

Nelson, Miriam E., et al. *Strong Women and Men Beat Arthritis*. New York: Perigee, 2003. Print.

Book Chapter

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Work." Translator (if relevant). *Title of Book*. Editor. Publication City: Publisher, Year of publication. Page numbers. Print.

More, Hannah. "The Black Slave Trade: A Poem." *British Women Poets of the Romantic Era*. Ed. Paula R. Feldman. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1997. 472-82. Print.

Journal Article from Print

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title* Volume Number.Issue Number (Year): Page Numbers. Print.

Aldrich, Frederick A. and Margueritte L. Marks. "Wyman Reed Green, American Biologist." *Bios* 23.1 (1952): 26-35. Print.

Magazine Article

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Date of Publication: Page Numbers. Print.

Weintraug, Arlene, and Laura Cohen. "A Thousand-Year Plan for Nuclear Waste." *Business Week* 6 May 2002: 94-96. Print.

Journal Article from an Online Database

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume Number.Issue Number (Year): Page numbers or n. pag. for no pagination. *Database*. Web. Date you viewed it.

Berger, James D., and Helmut J. Schmidt. "Regulation of Macronuclear DNA Content in Paramecium Tetraurelia." *The Journal of Cell Biology* 76.1 (1978): 116-126. JSTOR. Web. 20 Nov. 2008.

Online Magazine or Newspaper

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine. Website Publisher or N.p. if no publisher name is given. Date of publication. Web. Date you viewed it.

Lubell, Sam. "Of the Sea and Air and Sky." *New York Times*. New York Times, 26 Nov. 2008. Web. 1 Dec. 2008.

Online Scholarly Project

Last Name, First Name. *Scholarly Project Title*. Publication Location, Date of publication. Web. Date you viewed it.

Kline, Daniel T., ed. *Geoffrey Chaucer Online: The Electronic Canterbury Tales*. U of Alaska Anchorage, 30 Jul. 2007. Web. 2 Dec. 2008.

Website

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Section, if Given." *Title of the Website*. Sponsoring Organization or Publisher, Date of publication or last revision. Web. Date you viewed it.

Slomon, Evelynne. "Viva Latino Pizza!" *PMQ*. Pizza Marketing Quarterly. Apr.-May 2006. Web. 20 March 2009.

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How to List

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"Newborn Feeding." *Welcome to Gerber*. Gerber Corporation. n.d. Web. 18 Oct. 2008.

- If you use more than one work by the same author, use three hyphens and a period in place of the author's name for the second and following entries. Then alphabetize that author's works by title.

Chomsky, Noam. "Current Issues in Linguistic Theory." *The Structure of Language*. Ed. Jerry A. Fodor and Jerrold J. Katz. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice, 1967. Print.

---. "Degrees of Grammaticalness." *The Structure of Language*. Ed. Jerry A. Fodor and Jerrold J. Katz. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice, 1967. Print.

- If you are citing two or more works from the same collection, create a complete entry for the collection, (beginning with the name of the editor), and use a cross-reference entry for every individual work you cite. For the cross-reference entry, state the author and the title of the piece, the last name of the editor of the collection, and the inclusive page numbers, and translator (if relevant). Order each entry alphabetically.

L'Eplattenier, Barbara. "Finding Ourselves in the Past: An Argument for Historical Work on WPAs." Rose and Weiser 131-40. Print.

Peeples, Tim. "Seeing' the WPA With/Through Postmodern Mapping." Rose and Weiser 153-167. Print.

Rose, Shirley K, and Irwin Weiser, eds. *The Writing Program Administrator as Researcher*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 1999. Print.

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