



MLA Works Cited

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Quick Tips

- Always provide as much information in your citation as your source provides you!
- Format your citations that are more than one line with a hanging indent.
- Organize your works cited page in alphabetical order.

→ Articles and Other Short Works

Article in Print

Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Journal Title*. vol. #, no. #, Date of Pub, Page #s.

Ex: Tilman, David. "Food and Health of a Full Earth." *Daedalus*, vol. 144, no. 4, Fall 2015, pp. 5-7.

Article from a Website

Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Website Title*, Date of Pub, URL.

Ex: Nelson, Libby. "How Schools Will Be Different Without No Child Left Behind." *Vox*, 11 Dec. 2015, www.vox.com/2015/12/11/9889350/every-student-succeeds-act-schools.

Article from a Database

Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Journal Title*. vol. #, no. #, Date of Pub, Page #s, Database Title, URL.

Ex: 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/.

Dictionary/Encyclopedia Entry Online: *Often there is no author for this type of source*

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Entry." *Title of Website*, Date of Pub, URL.

Ex: "Alliteration." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 5 May 2017, www.britannica.com/art/alliteration.

→ Books and Other Long Works

Print Book or E-Book

Last Name, First Name. *Title*. Publisher, Year of Pub. Name of E-Reader (if applicable).

Ex: Wolfe, Tom. *Back to Blood*. Scholastic, 2012. Nook.

Book from a Website

Last Name, First Name. *Book Title*. Publisher. Year of Pub. *Website Title*, URL.

*The examples shown on this WC handout are from Winthrop University's *Rules for Writers* (8th ed.). Please see pgs 469-512 in that book for more information and for less common works cited sources.

Ex: Piketty, Thomas. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. Harvard UP, 2014. *Google Books*,
books.google.com/books?isbn=0674369556.

Parts of a Book (foreword, intro, preface, afterword)

Author of Section (Last, First). Book Part. *Book Title*, by Author of Book (First Last), Publisher, Year of Pub, page #s.

Ex: Bennet, Hal Zina. Foreword. *Shimmering Images: A Handy Little Guide to Writing Memoir*, by Lisa Dale Norton, St. Martin's Griffin, 2008, pp. xiii-xvi.

Chapter in a Book

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Chapter." *Title of Book*, Name of Publisher, Year of Pub, page #s.

Ex: Riga, Kristina. "Mr. Hsu." *Mission High: One School, How Experts Tried to Fail It, and the Students and Teachers Who Made It Triumph*, Nation Books, 2015, pp. 89-114.

Selections From a Collection or an Anthology

One Selection

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Selection." *Name of Anthology*, edited by __editors name in normal order__, Publisher, Year of Pub, page #s.

Ex: Sayrafiezadeh, Said. "Paranoia." *New American Stories*, edited by Ben Marcus, Vintage Books, 2015, pp. 3-29.

Two or More Selections

Provide a short entry for the entry anthology/collection and short entries for selections you are citing

Short Entry for Selection 1: Eisenberg, Deborah. "Some Other, Better, Otto." Marcus, pp. 94-136.

Short Entry for Entire Anthology: Marcus, Ben, editor. *New American Stories*. Vintage Books, 2015.

Short Entry for Selection 2: Sayrafiezadeh, Said. "Paranoia." Marcus, pp. 3-29.

→ Misc. Citations

An Entire Website

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Website*. Publisher/Sponsor Name, Date of Last Update, URL.

Ex: Railton, Stephen. *Mark Twain in His Times*. Stephen Railton/U of Virginia Library, 2012,
twain.lib.virginia.edu/.

Film

Name of Film. Directors Name, Major Performers, Name of Distributor, Release Date.

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance). Directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu,
performances by Michael Keaton, Emma Stone, Zack Galifianakis, Fox Searchlight, 2014.

Video/audio From Web

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Video." *Website Title*, Date of Posting, URL.

Lewis, Paul. "Citizen Journalism." *YouTube*. 14 May 2011. www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AP09_yNbcg.