

MLA Quick Guide

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Changes in the 7th Edition:

- Italicize titles, no underlining
- Include a medium of publication (Print, Web, Film, DVD, etc.)
- Include a URL for Web publications ONLY when think a reader would need it in order to find the word cited OR if your instructor requires it
- Use an issue number for all journal citations regardless of how they are paginated.
- Use abbreviations for Web publications when there is no publisher (n.p.), no date (n.d.), or no pagination (n.pag.) available

In-Text or Parenthetical References

The following are the more common citation examples. When in doubt your final word is *the MLA Handbook* (above), the MLA website (<http://www.mla.org/>), and your professor.

In-Text or Parenthetical References

(*MLA*, Chapter 6, p. 213)

MLA recommends an in-text reference system directing readers to a "Works Cited" list at the end of the written work (*MLA* 214). The in-text reference includes an author name and a location in the text being cited. The specific page numbers of a reference are always listed in the citation unless the reference is to the source as a whole. The parenthetical citations are usually placed at the end of the sentence rather than immediately after the information being cited, even when the author's name is included in the text.

Single author: The *Shining's* reputation increased upon closer inspection of Kubrick's techniques (Manchel 69). **OR** According to Manchel, *The Shining's* reputation increased upon closer inspection of Kubrick's techniques (69).

Two or three authors: A few scholars still believe that the world is flat (Jones, Smith, and Johnson 453).

Four or more authors: The writers as a group seemed to reach for robust, earthy ways of writing (Flower et al. 42-46).

If there is no author, use the title or a few major words from the title: (*Astronaut's Wife* 52) for a book example, ("Eight Cousins" 78) for a article example.

See the *MLA Handbook* for variations or Ask for help at the Reference Desk, Haggard 2. For online help (IM or Email) go to [Ask Us](#).

Cited Reference Examples

Periodicals

<p>Journal, Print 5.4.2 (p. 137)</p>	<p>Dintino, Theresa C. "Total Lunar Eclipse." <i>Calyx</i> 25.1 (2009): 13-23. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Dintino 20)</p>
<p>Journal Article from an Online Subscription Service 5.6.4 (p. 192)</p>	<p>Day, Katy, and Tammy Keys. "Starving in Cyberspace: A Discourse Analysis of Pro-eating-disorder Websites." <i>Journal of Gender Studies</i> 17.1 (2008): 1-15. EBSCO. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (Day and Keys 3)</p>
<p>Online Only Periodical Article Without Page Numbers (n. pag.) 5.6.3 (p. 190)</p>	<p>Smith, Elizabeth. "Another Wild Turkey." <i>Mad Hatters' Review</i> 4 (2008): n. pag. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>When a periodical uses only issue numbers, cite the issue number alone. 5.4.3 (p. 140)</p> <p>In-text example: (Smith)</p>
<p>Magazine Article, Print 5.4.6 (p.142)</p> <p>(Do not add a volume or issue number even if visible)</p>	<p>Eliscu, Jenny. "New York's Screwball Pop Queen." <i>Rolling Stone</i> 9 July 2009: 44. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Eliscu 44)</p>
<p>Magazine Article from an Online Subscription Service 5.6.4 (p.192)</p>	<p>Interlandi, Jeneen. "Are Vaccines the Answer to Addiction?" <i>Newsweek</i> 14 Jan. 2008: 17. EBSCO. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (Interlandi 17)</p>
<p>Newspaper Article, Print 5.4.5 (p.141)</p>	<p>Stark, John. "Project Finds Immigrant Investors." <i>Bellingham Herald</i> 17 July 2009: A1+. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Stark A1)</p>
<p>Newspaper Article from an Online Subscription Service 5.6.4 (p. 192)</p>	<p>Pary, Wynne. "Economy Weighs on College Choice." <i>Advocate</i> 28 June 2009: A1. ProQuest Newspapers. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (Parrry)</p>

Books

<p>Book with a Single Author 5.5.2 (p. 148)</p>	<p>Martin, Paul. <i>Sex, Drugs & Chocolate: The Science of Pleasure</i>. London: Fourth Estate, 2008. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Martin 41)</p>
<p>No Author 5.5.9 (p.162)</p>	<p><i>Webster's Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homonyms</i>. New York: Avenel, 1994. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Webster's Synonyms 92) When there is no author, use the work's title or a shortened version of the title for the In-text citation.</p>
<p>Two or Three Authors 5.5.4 (p.154)</p>	<p>DeWitt, Larry W., Daniel Beland, and Edward D. Berkowitz. <i>Social Security: A Documentary History</i>. Washington, DC: CQ P, 2008. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (DeWitt, Beland, and Berkowitz 91)</p>
<p>Four or More Authors 5.5.4 (p. 155)</p>	<p>Wells, Amy Stuart, et al. <i>Both Sides Now: The Story of School Desegregation's Graduates</i>. Berkeley: U of California P, 2009. Print.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Wells, Amy Stuart, JenniferJellison Holme, Anita Tijerina Revilla, and Awo Korantemaa Atanda. <i>Both Sides Now: The Story of School Desegregation's Graduates</i>. Berkeley: U of California P, 2009. Print.</p> <p>In-text examples: (Wells et al. 72) OR (Wells, Holme, Revilla, and Atanda 72)</p>
<p>Edited Book 5.5.3 (p.153)</p>	<p>Bronner, Simon J., ed. <i>Jewishness: Expression, Identity, and Representation</i>. Portland, OR: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2008. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Bronner 10)</p>
<p>Chapter in an Edited Book 5.5.6 (p.157)</p>	<p>Merwin, Ted. "The Delicatessen as an Icon of Secular Jewishness." <i>Jewishness: Expression, Identity, and Representation</i>. Ed. Simon J. Bronner. Portland, OR: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2008. 195-210. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Merwin 196)</p>

<p>Reproduction of a Work of Art in a Book. 5.7.6 (pp. 200-01)</p>	<p>O’Keeffe, Georgia. <i>Red Hills and White Flower</i>. 1937. Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. Santa Fe, NM. <i>Georgia O’Keeffe and New Mexico</i>. Ed. Barbara Buhler Lynes, Lesley Poling-Kempes, and Frederick W. Turner. Princeton: Princeton UP, 2004. Plate 97. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (O’Keeffe 97)</p>
<p>Corporate Author 5.5.5 (p.156)</p>	<p>Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. <i>Selected Works</i>. San Francisco: The Museum, 1994. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Asian Art Museum 39)</p>
<p>A Translated Book 5.5.11 (p.164)</p>	<p>Toussaint-Samat, Maguelonne. <i>A History of Food</i>. Trans. Anthea Bell. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Toussaint-Samat 224)</p>
<p>Book in a Language other than English (German) 5.5.22 (p. 178) If you want to add the translated title, add it in square brackets. Check the <i>MLA Handbook</i> for language differences in capitalization.</p>	<p>Handke, Peter. <i>Die morawische Nacht</i>. Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 2008. Print.</p> <p>Die morawische Nacht [The Moravian Night] (adjectives of nationality are not capitalized)</p>
<p>Encyclopedia or Dictionary 5.5.7 (p. 160)</p>	<p>Murphy, Diana L. “Grazilda.” <i>Women in the Middle Ages: An Encyclopedia</i>. Ed. Katharina M. Wilson and Nadia Margolis. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2004. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Murphy 275)</p>
<p>Online Encyclopedia or Dictionary 5.6.26 (p. 184)</p>	<p>“Bugaboo.” <i>Oxford English Dictionary Online</i>. New York: Oxford UP, 1989. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (“Bugaboo”)</p>
<p>Book with Multiple Publishers 5.5.18 (p. 173)</p>	<p>Lupton, Ellen, ed. <i>Indie Publishing: How to Design and Produce Your Own Book</i>. New York: Princeton Architectural; Baltimore: Maryland Institute College of Art, 2008. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: (Lupton, 92)</p>

<p>The Bible 6.4.8 (pp. 226-229)</p>	<p><i>The Oxford Annotated Bible, with the Apocrypha.</i> Ed. Herbert G. May and Bruce M. Metzger. New York: Oxford UP, 1965. Print. Rev. Standard Vers.</p> <p>The version can be recorded at the end of the entry as supplementary bibliographic information. 5.5.10 (p. 164)</p> <p>In-text example: (<i>Oxford Annotated Bible</i>, Eccles. 3.1)</p>
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Government Documents

<p>U.S. Congressional Hearing</p> <p>State Publication 5.5.20 (pp. 174-177)</p>	<p>United States. Cong. Senate. Committee on the Judiciary. <i>Reporters' Privilege Legislation: An Additional Investigation of Issues and Implications.</i> 109th Cong., 1st sess. Washington: GPO, 2009. Print.</p> <p>Washington State. Department of Natural Resource, Forest Practices Board. <i>Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Forest Practices Road Maintenance Abandonment Planning (RMAP).</i> Olympia: WA, 2006. Print.</p>
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Non-Print Formats

<p>Film 5.7.3 (p.197)</p>	<p><i>No Country for Old Men.</i> Dirs. Joel and Ethan Cohen. Perf. Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, and Josh Brolin. Miramax, 2008. DVD.</p> <p>In-text example: (No Country)</p>
<p>Interview, Personal 5.7.7 (p. 201)</p>	<p>Shepard, Bruce. Personal interview. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (Shepard)</p>
<p>Radio Program 5.7.1 (p.193)</p>	<p>"Should Everyone Go to College?" Narr. Cladio Sanchez. <i>All Things Considered.</i> Natl. Public Radio. KUOW, Seattle. 15 July 2009. Radio.</p> <p>In-text example: (Should Everyone Go)</p>

Citing an Indirect Source (a source within a source)

It is always best to cite an original source. Ask for help at the Reference Desk on Haggard 2 ([Ask Us!](#)) when you have difficulty locating the original. When it is necessary to cite an indirect source, MLA recommends the following:

<p>6.4.7 (p. 226)</p>	<p>Peterson, Andrew. <i>The Life of Mary Sutter Thomas</i>. Hopewell, VA: Alexander UP, 1952. Print.</p> <p>In-text example: Mary Sutter Thomas revealed in her diary that she had “concocted the adventure” (qtd. in Peterson 79).</p> <p>Note: <i>qtd. in</i> = <i>quoted in</i></p>
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Web Publications

Include a URL in a citation only when the reader is unlikely to locate the source without it or when required by your instructor (5.6.1, p. 181). If used, the URL should appear in angle brackets after the date of access. Break URLs only after the double or a single slash.

<p>Publication from a Scholarly/Professional Web Site 5.6.2</p>	<p>Hurston, Zora Neale. <i>Cold Keener, a Revue</i>. 1930. <i>American Memory</i>. Library of Congress. Web. Oct. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (Hurston 55)</p>
<p>Wikipedia</p>	<p>“Richard Brautigan.” <i>Wikipedia the Free Encyclopedia</i>. 25 July. 2009. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (“Richard Brautigan”)</p>
<p>Online Book 5.6.2c (p.187)</p>	<p>Coblentz, Catherine Cate. <i>The Blue Cat of Castle Town</i>. Illus. Janice Holland. New York: Longmans, 1949. <i>Online Books Page</i>. U of Pennsylvania. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (Coblentz 15)</p>
<p>Work of Art (Image Database) 5.6.2d (p.189)</p>	<p>Bosch, Hieronymus. <i>Prodigal Son</i>. 1516. U of California, San Diego. <i>ARTstor</i>. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p> <p>In-text example: (Bosch)</p>
<p>Google Map 5.6.2b (p. 186)</p>	<p>“Everson, Washington.” Map. <i>Google Maps</i>. Google, 22 Aug 2008. Web. 15 Oct. 2009.</p>

	In-text example: ("Everson")
WebBlog Post	Hogan, Rod. "Mari Strachan: A Welsh Novel in English." Weblog entry. <i>Beatrice</i> . 30 Mar. 2009. Web. 15 Oct. 2009. In-text example: (Hogan)
Video Clip 5.6.2b p. 184	"Library Places to Study." Western Libraries. <i>YouTube</i> . 11 May 2009. Web. 13 Oct. 2009.