

# Citing Sources in MLA Style

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## **In the text of your paper: Parenthetical References**

*Give the author's last name, followed by the page number. For example:*

Studies have found that "marriages in which the parents share responsibilities equally tend to be the happiest" (Levine 10).

*If you use the author's name in your sentence, follow this example:*

Kearman reports that from 1967 to 1980, kindergarten enrollment rose by about a third (179-80).

*If you cite a work with two authors, give both names every time you cite it.*

Johnson and Parker noted that education was limited to individualized instruction at religious schools in mosques in urban areas (331).

*If the work does not have an author, use the first few words of the title of the work instead.*

Hispanics make up an increasingly disproportionate share of the nation's high school dropouts ("Study Finds" 20).

*If you cite two different works by the same author, add the title of the work, shortened or in full, after the author's name.*

Michigan's law prohibits universities from opening more than 150 charter schools in Michigan (Miller, New Charters 237).

*If you cite an online source that does not have page numbers (such as an article from a database like LexisNexis) give the paragraph # if available, or just cite the source in its entirety, with no page numbers.*

Many educators have called for more effective advertising of financial aid programs (Miller and Dellefield ¶18).

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## At the end of your paper: the Works Cited List

	Form	Example
<b>Book by 1 author</b>	Author's Last Name, First Name. <u>Title of Book</u> . Place of publication: Publisher, year.	McCandless, Brian R. <u>Children: Behavior and Development</u> . New York: Holt & Winston, 1967.
<b>Book by 2 or more authors</b>	Author1 Lastname, Firstname, Author2 Full Name. <u>Title of Book</u> . Place of publication: Publisher, year.	Duncan, Carol, and Tony Gibbs. <u>Violence at Work</u> . Geneva: Labor Office, 2000.
<b>Edited book</b>	Author's Lastname, Firstname if applicable. <u>Title of Book</u> . Ed. Editor's Name. Place of publication: Publisher, year.	Bryant, Erik. <u>Social Analysis</u> . Eds. Jake Holland and Karl C. Myers. Australia: Dove Books, 1980.
<b>Book, no author or editor</b>	<u>Title of Book</u> . Edition if available. Place of Publication: Publisher, year.	<u>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</u> . 10th ed. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster. 1993.
<b>Chapter in a Book</b>	Chapter author. "Chapter Title." <u>Title of Book</u> . Ed. Editor's Name if applicable. Place: Publisher, year. page #s.	Scott, Paul T. "From Heaven to Hell." <u>Milton: a Collection of Critical Essays</u> . Ed. Larry L. Martz. Washington: Prentice-Hall, 1966. 31-56.
<b>Entry in an Encyclopedia</b>	Entry author. "Title of Entry." <u>Title of Encyclopedia</u> . Edition. year.	Miller, William T. "Music." <u>The World Book Encyclopedia</u> . 20th ed. 2002.
<b>Article in a journal with continuous pagination*</b>	Author. "Article Title." <u>Journal Title</u> volume (year): page #s of article.	Henson, Marcy P. "Between Fact and Fiction: the Problem of Journalism." <u>Journal of Writing</u> 36 (1993): 131-148.
<b>Article in a journal with separate pagination in each issue**</b>	Author. "Article Title." <u>Journal Title</u> volume.issue (year): page #s of article.	Child, Frank J. "English and Scottish Popular Ballads." <u>Journal of English Literature</u> 130.2 (2001): 29-52.

\*Most scholarly journals are paged continuously throughout the issues of each annual volume. Then the page numbers start over again with each new volume.

\*\*Some scholarly journals start each new issue with page #1.

	<b>Form</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>Article in a magazine</b>	Author. "Article Title." <u>Magazine Title</u> Full date: page #s.	Cottrel, Lee. "Seeing is Believing." <u>Science</u> 3 Oct. 1992: 523-539.
<b>Article in a newspaper</b>	Author. "Article Title." <u>Newspaper title</u> Full date: page #s.	Smith, James. "Sheriff's Audit Lists Tax-Paid Jury Perks." <u>The Commercial Appeal</u> 11 Oct. 2002: A1, A5.
<b>Doctoral Dissertation</b>	Author. <u>Title of Dissertation</u> . Diss. University, year written. Place of Publication: Publisher (usually either the University or UMI), year of publication. UMI order # if applicable.	Armstrong, Pat D. <u>Employee Assistant Referrals: Characteristics of Referring and Nonreferring Supervisors</u> . Diss. U of Maryland, 1997. Ann Arbor: UMI, 1998. 9316555.
<b>Television Broadcast</b>	"Title of Episode." <u>Title of TV Show</u> . Director, narrator, performers. Name of network. Broadcast date.	<u>The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour</u> . Prod. Len Crystal. PBS. 2 Sept. 1998.
<b>Music Recording</b>	Artist. "Song Title." Rec. date. <u>Album Title</u> . Record Label, date.	Delvin, Wade. "Over the Rainbow." Rec. 9 May 1957. <u>Montana Mountains</u> . Polygram Music, 1992.

### **Basic Rules for your Works Cited List**

List the author's name with the last name first, followed by the first name. For more than one author, invert only the first author's name.

Your reference list should be alphabetized by authors' last names.

If you have cited more than one work by a particular author, order them alphabetically by title.

Double space the entries on your Works Cited list.

If no author is given for a particular source, alphabetize using the title of the work.

Capitalize each word in the titles of articles, books, etc., except for short prepositions and articles such as a, an, and the.

Underline titles of books and journals.

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	Form	Example
<b>Article from a database such as ERIC, PsycInfo, LexisNexis or Academic Search Elite.</b>	Author. "Title of Article." <u>Title of Periodical</u> Volume.Issue (Year): page #s. <u>Name of Database Provider: Name of Database</u> . Name of library paying for database, City of library. Date accessed <URL of database>. *Note: Use the URL for the database's main page (see the MLA Handbook at 1.4.6.d).	Lind, Mary. "The Case for a Living Wage." <u>New Leader</u> 84.5 (2001): 12-15. <u>Ebscohost: Academic Search Elite</u> . Plough Library, Memphis. October 11, 2002 < <a href="http://www.search.epnet.com">http://www.search.epnet.com</a> >.
<b>Newspaper Article from an Online News Website</b>	Author. "Title of Article." <u>Title of Newspaper</u> . Date of article. Date accessed. <URL>.	Huff, Pen. "West Nile Spreads Across Country." <u>Star Tribune</u> . 27 Oct. 2001. 12 Nov. 2001 < <a href="http://www.startribune.com/cgi-bin/stOnline">http://www.startribune.com/cgi-bin/stOnline</a> >.
<b>Magazine Article from an Online Magazine Website</b>	Author. "Title of Article." <u>Title of Magazine</u> . Date of publication. Date accessed. <URL>.	Adler, James. "Ghost of Everest." <u>Newsweek</u> . 17 May 1997. 3 June 200. < <a href="http://newsweek.com/nw-rv/issue/20_99a/printed/int/socu/so0120_1.htm">http://newsweek.com/nw-rv/issue/20_99a/printed/int/socu/so0120_1.htm</a> >.
<b>Web Page</b>	Author of webpage. <u>Title of Webpage</u> . Date of access. <URL>.	Myers, Penny. <u>Phylum Arthropoda</u> . 11 Oct. 2002. < <a href="http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/arthropoda.html">http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/arthropoda.html</a> >.
<b>Web page, no author identified</b>	<u>Title of Webpage</u> . Name of any institution or organization associated with the site. Date accessed <URL>.	<u>GVU's 8th WWW User Survey</u> . Georgia Institute of Technology. 11 Oct. 2002 < <a href="http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/">http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/</a> >.
<b>Message posted to an online newsgroup or listserv</b>	Author of post, or screen name. "Subject line of post." Online posting. Date posted. Name of the forum. Date of access. <URL>.	Dagan, Les. "New Inventions in Jewelry." Online posting. 4 Jan. 1998. Jewelers-L Group. 12 Oct. 2002. < <a href="http://groups.mindspring.com/forum/messages/00025.html">http://groups.mindspring.com/forum/messages/00025.html</a> >.

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