

MLA STYLE FOR CITING PRINT SOURCES

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- Use the heading Works Cited; center the heading on the top of the first page.
- List each entry alphabetically by the first word of each citation (skip *a*, *an*, or *the* if it is the first word).
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Format	Author's Last Name, First Name and Initial. <i>Title of the Book</i> . Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Medium.
One author	Marcuse, Sibyl. <i>A Survey of Musical Instruments</i> . New York: Harper, 1975. Print.
Two editors	Klinger, Donna, and Lucie Lapovsky, eds. <i>Strategic Financial Challenges for Higher Education: How to Achieve Quality, Accountability, and Innovation</i> . San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2008. Print.
Three authors	Marquart, James W., Sheldon Ekland Olson, and Jonathan R. Sorensen. <i>The Rope, the Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990</i> . Austin: U of Texas P, 1994. Print.
Four or more editors	Ehrenberg, John, et al., eds. <i>The Iraq Papers</i> . New York: Oxford UP, 2010. Print.

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Format	Corporate Author's Name. <i>Title of the Book</i> . Editor [if given]. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Medium.
Corporate Author	Cohen, Selma J., and Dance Perspectives Foundation. <i>International Encyclopedia of Dance: a Project of Dance Perspectives Foundation</i> . 6 vols. New York: Oxford UP, 1998. Print.
	National Research Council. <i>China and Global Change: Opportunities for Collaboration</i> . Washington: Natl. Acad., 1992. Print.

Citing a Chapter or Work in an Anthology:

Format	Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Work Being Cited." <i>Title of the Anthology</i> . Editor of the Anthology. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication [of the anthology]. Page numbers of the cited piece. Medium.
Author/Translator/Editor	Allende, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden. <i>A Hammock Beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America</i> . Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88. Print.
Author/Editor	More, Hannah. "The Black Slave Trade: A Poem." <i>British Women Poets of the Romantic Era</i> . Ed. Paula R. Feldman. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1997. 472-82. Print.

Citing an Article or Entry in a Reference Book:

Format	Author's Last Name, First Name. [if the article is unsigned, give the title first] "Title of the Article." <i>Title of the Reference Work</i> . Edition. Publisher, Date of publication. Medium.
Author / Editor	Charo, R. Alta. "Reproductive Technologies: Legal and Regulatory Issues." <i>Encyclopedia of Bioethics</i> . Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. ed. Vol. 4. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 1995. Print.
Authors/Editors	Lovelock, Peter, and John Ure. "The New Economy: Internet Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce?" <i>The Handbook of New Media</i> . Ed. Leah A. Lievrouw and Sonia Livingstone. London: Sage, 2002. 350-68. Print.

Note: If the reference book is not organized alphabetically, include the page number(s) of the article after the publication date – see Lovelock example above.

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Format	Author's Name. "Title of the Article." <i>Title of the Periodical</i> volume number.issue number [if available] (year): pages. Medium.
One author	Craner, Paul M. "New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music." <i>Computers and the Humanities</i> 25 (1991): 303-13. Print.
More than three authors	Brodkey, Marion B. et al. "Living Well with Multiple Sclerosis." <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> 111.7 (2011): 40-48. Print.

Citing an Article in a Magazine:

Format	Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Magazine</i> day [if given] Month year: pages. [Do NOT give the volume and issue numbers even if they are listed.] Medium.
Three authors	Armstrong, Larry, Dori Jones Yang, and Alice Cuneo. "The Learning Revolution: Technology Is Reshaping Education—at Home and at School." <i>Business Week</i> 28 Feb. 1994: 80-88. Print.
One author	Csikszentmihalyi, Mihaly. "The Creative Personality." <i>Psychology Today</i> July-Aug. 1996: 36-40. Print.

Citing an Article in a Newspaper:

Format	Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Name of Newspaper</i> day Month year, edition of newspaper: section [if there is one] and page number. Medium.
Two authors	Blumenstyk, Goldie, and Jeffrey Brainard. "Few Finance Chiefs are Optimistic in Face of Slow Recovery." <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i> 11 July 2011: A1+. Print.
One author	Lohr, Steve. "Now Playing: Babes in Cyberspace." <i>New York Times</i> 3 Apr. 1998, late ed.: C1+. Print.