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NOTE: For heavily-used rules on works cited and parenthetical rules of MLA citation, see the last page of this guide.

**Works Cited Examples – Printed Books**

**A Book by a Single Author** *MLA 5.5.2*

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**KEY:**
- 1: author
- 2: title
- 3: city of publication
- 4: publisher
- 5: year of publication
- 6: medium of publication

**A BOOK BY TWO AUTHORS** - *MLA 5.5.4*


**A BOOK BY MORE THAN THREE AUTHORS** - *MLA 5.5.4*


**A BOOK BY A CORPORATE AUTHOR** - *MLA 5.5.5*


**A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY** - *MLA 5.5.6*


**A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY (REPRINT OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED SCHOLARLY ARTICLE)** - *MLA 5.5.6*

(List first the information about where the essay was originally published and then provide new publication information.)

A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY (EXCERPT) - MLA 5.5.6
(includes Contemporary Literary Criticism, Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism, etc.)

AN ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE BOOK (ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE SIGNED) - MLA 5.5.7

AN ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE BOOK (DICTIONARY ENTRY OR ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE UNSIGNED) - MLA 5.5.7

AN ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE BOOK (SPECIALIZED WORK) - MLA 5.5.7

AN ANONYMOUS BOOK - MLA 5.5.9

A SCHOLARLY EDITION (COMPILED BY AN EDITOR) - MLA 5.5.10

A SCHOLARLY EDITION (COMPILED BY AN EDITOR WITH AN AUTHOR) - MLA 5.5.10

A BOOK PUBLISHED IN A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT EDITION - MLA 5.5.13

A BOOK IN A SERIES - MLA 5.5.15
(like Opposing Viewpoints, Taking Sides, and Contemporary World Issues)
A GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION - MLA 5.5.20
(Use the name of the government, then the name of the agency as the document author if a specific individual author is not given.)

Works Cited Examples – Printed Magazines, Journals, and Newspapers

An Article in a Scholarly Journal MLA 5.4.2

6 Print.

KEY:
1 authors (use et al. if more than 3) 2 article title 3 journal title
4 volume, issue, & year 5 page numbers 6 medium of publication

AN ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE (WEEKLY) - MLA 5.4.6

AN ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE (WEEKLY NEWS SERVICE) - MLA 5.4.6

AN ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE (MONTHLY) - MLA 5.4.6

AN ARTICLE IN A NEWSPAPER - MLA 5.4.5
Feder, Barnaby J. "For Job Seekers, a Toll-Free Gift of Expert Advice." New York Times

AN ANONYMOUS ARTICLE - MLA 5.4.9 (Begin with the title if a source has no author.)
Works Cited Examples – Multimedia

A Work on the Web Cited with Publication Data for Another Medium besides Print (Online Video) MLA 5.6.2d


KEY:

1 video title 2 date of release 3 video sponsor 4 title of web site 5 medium of publication 6 date of access

A WORK ON THE WEB CITED WITH PUBLICATION DATA FOR ANOTHER MEDIUM BESIDES PRINT (PHOTOGRAPH) - MLA 5.6.2d

A FILM OR VIDEO RECORDING - MLA 5.7.3

A WORK OF VISUAL ART (REPRODUCED IN A BOOK) - MLA 5.7.6

Works Cited Examples – Internet Sources

A Work Cited Only on the Web (Web Page) MLA 5.6.2b


KEY:

1 title of web page 2 title of overall site 3 sponsor of site 4 date of publication 5 medium of publication 6 date of access

A WORK CITED ONLY ON THE WEB (BOOK WITH NO DATE) - MLA 5.6.2b

A WORK CITED ONLY ON THE WEB (NEWSPAPER) - MLA 5.6.2b
A WORK ON THE WEB CITED WITH PRINT PUBLICATION DATA (GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT) - MLA 5.6.2c & 5.5.20

**Works Cited Examples – Online Databases**

**A PERIODICAL PUBLICATION IN AN ONLINE DATABASE (JOURNAL) – MLA 5.6.4**


**KEY:**

1 article author 2 article title 3 journal title 4 volume, issue, and year 5 page numbers 6 title of database 7 medium of publication 8 date of access

**A PERIODICAL PUBLICATION IN AN ONLINE DATABASE (MAGAZINE) – MLA 5.6.4**


**A PERIODICAL PUBLICATION IN AN ONLINE DATABASE (NEWSPAPER) - MLA 5.6.4**


**A PERIODICAL PUBLICATION IN AN ONLINE DATABASE (JOURNAL) - MLA 5.6.4**


**A WORK ON THE WEB CITED WITH PRINT PUBLICATION DATA (E-BOOK) - MLA 5.6.2c**


**A WORK ON THE WEB CITED WITH PUBLICATION DATA FOR ANOTHER MEDIUM BEHIND PRINT (IMAGE OR FILM FROM A DATABASE) – MLA 5.6.2d**

A FILM OR FILM Clip MLA 5.6.2d & TELEVISION BROADCAST MLA 5.7.1 and 5.6.2d IN AN ONLINE DATABASE

Films on Demand Film Clip

Films on Demand Complete Film


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Works-Cited Documentation
• Alphabetize entries by author’s last name. If no author is given, begin with the title. [MLA 5.3.3]
• Use “et al.” after the first author’s name if there are more than 3 authors. [MLA 5.5.4]
• Italicize titles of books, magazines, and scholarly journals. [MLA 3.6.2]
• Enclose title of articles, essays, poems, and short stories in quotation marks. [MLA 3.6.3]
• Indent ½ inch on all but the first line of each entry. Double space throughout the works-cited list. [MLA 5.3.2]
• Provide only the city of publication; no state or country is needed. [MLA 5.5.2]
• Provide only the last 2 digits for numbers over 99 when citing page numbers that have the same initial number unless more numbers are necessary for clarity: “456-78” or “4599-4613.” [MLA 3.5.6]
• Use a plus sign and period after the first page number of the article for print or web multi-paged articles that are not consecutive: "192+." [MLA 5.4.5-6 and 5.6.4]
• Use “n. pag.” for print or web publications with no page numbers listed. [MLA 5.5.24, 5.6.2c, 5.6.3-4]
• Use “n.d.” for print or web publications with no date listed. [MLA 5.5.24]
• Put one space after punctuation. [MLA 3.2.12]
• Put either “print” or “web” for the publication medium of most sources. [MLA 5.5.1 and 5.6.2]
• Other publications mediums are noted in Section 5.7.

Parenthetical Documentation
• Verify that sources cited with parenthetical or in-text documentation are listed with complete works-cited information at the end of the paper. [MLA 6.1]
• Put parenthetical documentation where there is a natural break in the flow of the text, near the cited information, usually at the end of the sentence before the punctuation mark. [MLA 6.3]
• Use an option below for citing sources in the text:
  o Use the author’s name and page number(s) for parenthetical documentation enclosed in
parentheses: “(Allison 97).” [MLA 6.3]
list the author's name in a sentence and only the page numbers in parentheses. "As Allison asserts (97), the historical significance of ..." [MLA 6.3]
provide a shortened title and page/section numbers for works listed by title. “(“Marion” 2)” [MLA 6.4.4]