

Based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 7th ed. 2009

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*

1 Hoover, John. 2 *Time Management: Set Priorities to Get the Right Things Done*. 3 New

York: 4 Collins, 5 2007. 6 Print.

**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

Brown, Nathan, and Sheryle A. Proper. *The Everything Paying for College Book*. Avon:

Adams, 2005. Print.

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

Bassis, Michael S., et al. *Sociology: An Introduction*. 4th ed. New York: McGraw, 1991. Print.

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

American Heart Association. *American Heart Association Low-Salt Cookbook: A Complete Guide  
to Reducing Sodium and Fat in Your Diet*. New York: Clarkson Potter, 2006. Print.

### A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY - MLA 5.5.6

Chan, Janet. "Changing Police Culture." *Policing: Key Readings*. Ed. Tim Newburn. Cullompton:

Willan, 2005. 338-63. Print.

### 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.)

Ball, John Clement. "An Interview with Salman Rushdie." *Toronto South Asian Review* 10.1 (1991):

30-37. Rpt. in *Conversations with Salman Rushdie*. Ed. Michael Reder. Jackson: UP of

Mississippi, 1994. 101-09. Print.

**A WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY (EXCERPT) - MLA 5.5.6**

(includes *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*, etc.)

Monteiro, George. "For the Record: Text and Picture in 'The Open Boat'." *Journal of Modern*

*Literature* 11.2 (1984): 307-11. Excerpt from *Short Stories for Students*. Ed. Kathleen Wilson

and Marie Lazzari. Vol. 4. Detroit: Gale, 1998. 210-13. Print.

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

Epps, Helen H. "Textiles." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 2003 ed. Print.

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

"Onomatopoeia." Entry 1. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. 11th ed. 2003. Print.

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

"Stepmothers." *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Folktales and Fairy Tales*. Ed. Donald Haase.

Vol. 3. Westport: Greenwood, 2008. Print.

**AN ANONYMOUS BOOK - MLA 5.5.9**

*The House Book*. London: Phaidon, 2001. Print.

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

Vecchione, Patrice, ed. *Faith and Doubt: An Anthology of Poems*. New York: Holt, 2007. Print.

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

Chaucer, Geoffrey. *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*. Ed. F. W. Robinson. Boston: Houghton,

1957. Print.

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

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 6th ed. New York: MLA, 2003.

Print.

**A BOOK IN A SERIES - MLA 5.5.15**

(like *Opposing Viewpoints*, *Taking Sides*, and *Contemporary World Issues*)

Watkins, Christine, ed. *Sports and Athletes*. Detroit: Greenhaven, 2009. Print. *Opposing*

*Viewpoints Ser.*

**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.)

United States. Cong. Office of Technology Assessment. *Changing by Degrees: Steps to Reduce Greenhouse Gases*. Washington: GPO, 1991. Print.

**Works Cited Examples – Printed Magazines, Journals, and Newspapers**

**An Article in a Scholarly Journal** *MLA 5.4.2*

① Warner, Megan B., et al. ② "The Longitudinal Relationship of Personality Traits and Disorders." ③ *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* ④ 113.2 (2004): ⑤ 217-27.  
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**

Kluger, Jeffrey. "Why We Love." *Time* 28 Jan. 2008: 55-60. Print.

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

Jost, Kenneth. "Independent Counsels Re-Examined." *CQ Researcher* 7 May 1999: 377-84. Print.

**AN ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE (MONTHLY) - MLA 5.4.6**

Hitchens, Christopher. "A Breath of Dust." *Atlantic Monthly* July-Aug. 2005: 142-46. Print.

**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*  
22 Mar. 1994, late ed.: A1+. Print.

**AN ANONYMOUS ARTICLE - MLA 5.4.9 (Begin with the title if a source has no author.)**

"Marion Barry and the *Washington Post*." *The Weekly Standard* 26 Nov. 2007: 2-3. Print.

## Works Cited Examples – Multimedia

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

1 *The Great Information Exchange*. 2 13 Feb. 2008. 3 Freedom Museum. 4 *YouTube*.

5 Web. 6 2 June 2009.

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**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

Holub, Tom. *Ponte Vecchio, Florence, Italy*. 15 May 2009. *Flickr*. Web. 3 June 2009.

### A FILM OR VIDEO RECORDING - MLA 5.7.3

*Patton*. Dir. Franklin J. Schaffner. Perf. George C. Scott. 1970. 20th Century Fox, 2006. DVD.

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

Exekias. *The Suicide of Ajax*. c. 540 BCE. Chateâu-Musée, Boulogne-sur-Mer. *Art History*. By Marilyn

Stokstad. New York: Abrams, 1995. Plate 5-29. Print.

## Works Cited Examples – Internet Sources

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

1 "Parenting Corner Q & A: Immunizations." 2 *American Academy of Pediatrics*.

3 Amer. Acad. of Pediatrics, 4 Feb. 2009. 5 Web. 6 4 June 2009.

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**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

Mazer, Cary M. *Bernard Shaw: A Brief Biography*. Dept. of English, U of Pennsylvania, n.d. Web. 16

Sept. 2007.

### A WORK CITED ONLY ON THE WEB (NEWSPAPER) - MLA 5.6.2b

Sarnoff, Nancy. "Web's Role in House Hunt Grows." *Chron.com*. Houston Chronicle, 1 Dec. 2007.

Web. 18 Feb. 2008.

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

United States. Natl. Inst. on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. *Make a Difference: Talk to Your Child about Alcohol*. May 2007. *College Drinking: Changing the Culture*. Web. 8 July 2009.

**Works Cited Examples – Online Databases**

**A Periodical Publication in an Online Database (Journal) MLA 5.6.4**

① Massaro, John. ② "Press Box Propaganda? The Cold War and *Sports Illustrated* 1956." ③ *Journal of American Culture* ④ 26.3 (2003): ⑤ 361-70. ⑥ *Academic Search Complete*. ⑦ Web. ⑧ 23 Jan. 2008.

**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**

Clemmitt, Marcia. "Student Aid." *CQ Researcher* 25 Jan. 2008: 73-96. *CQ Researcher Online*. Web. 2 Feb. 2008.

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

Lieber, Ron. "In China, G.M. Stands as a Powerful Player." *New York Times* 22 Apr. 2009, late ed. (East Coast): B1. *ProQuest Newspapers*. Web. 8 June 2009.

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

Johnson, Greg. "Gilman's Gothic Allegory: Rage and Redemption in 'The Yellow Wallpaper.'"

*Studies in Short Fiction* 26.4 (1989): 521-30. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 22 Mar. 2008.

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

Sweet, William. *Kicking the Carbon Habit: Global Warming and the Case for Renewable and Nuclear Energy*. New York: Columbia UP, 2006. *eBook Collection*. Web. 21 July 2011.

**A WORK ON THE WEB CITED WITH PUBLICATION DATA FOR ANOTHER MEDIUM BESIDES PRINT (IMAGE OR FILM FROM A DATABASE) – MLA 5.6.2d (3 examples below)**

Duccio. *Crucifixion*. 1311. Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena. *Oxford Art Online*. Web.

15 Feb. 2006.

*Films on Demand Film Clip* – MLA 5.6.2d

"Thoreau on Nature." *The American Transcendentalists: Concord, Massachusetts*. Films Media Group, 2008. *Films on Demand*. Web. 28 Oct. 2010.

*Films on Demand Complete Film* – MLA 5.6.2d

*Hooked: America on Meth*. Films Media Group, 2006. *Films on Demand*. Web. 28 Oct. 2010.

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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]
- Use an abbreviated publisher's name: "New York: Morrow, 2008" rather than "New York: William Morrow & Company, 2008." [MLA 7.5]
- 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]
  - o 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]
  - o Provide a shortened title and page/section numbers for works listed by title. "(("Marion" 2)" [MLA 6.4.4]