

MLA Documentation—Works Cited/In-text

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Print Sources

Book (basic format)

Author(s) of the Book. Title of the Book. City: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Sebranek, Patrick, Verne Meyer, and Dave Kemper. Write for College. Wilmington: Great Source Education Group, 1997.

In-text: (Sebranek, Meyer, and Kemper 29)

Work in an Anthology (a collection of essays, stories, or poems by different authors)

Author(s) of the Selection. "Title of the Selection." Title of the Anthology. Name of the Editor (for example, Ed. Sam Smith). Edition (if other than the first). City: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page Number(s) of the Selection.

(Since this anthology is a first edition, no edition number is given.)

Plath, Sylvia. "Lady Lazarus." The Norton Anthology of Modern Poetry. Ed. Richard Ellmann and Robert O'Clair. New York: Norton, 1973. 1295-1297.

In-text: (Plath 1296)

Periodicals—Magazines and Newspapers

Author(s) of the Article. "Title of the Article." Name of the Periodical Date of Publication: Page Numbers.

Example of a Magazine

Naughton, Keith. "Dude, Where's My Benz?" Newsweek 18 Mar. 2002: 40-42.

In-text: (Naughton 42)

Example of a Newspaper

Colvin, Richard Lee. "School Excels in Reading by Sticking with What Works." Los Angeles Times 1 Apr. 2002: A1+.

In-text: (Colvin A11)

Periodical—Journal Paginated by Issue (Each issue begins with page 1.)

Author(s) of the Article. "Title of the Article." Name of the Periodical Volume.Issue (Year of Publication): Page Numbers.

Hertzler, Anna A., and Robert B. Frary. "Family Factors and Fat Consumption of College Students." Journal of the American Dietetic Association 96.7 (1996): 711-714.

In-text: (Hertzler and Frary 713)

Periodical—Journal Paginated by Volume (Issues are numbered continuously. For example, issue 2 might begin on page 347.)

Author(s) of the Article. "Title of the Article." Name of the Periodical Volume (Year of Publication): Page Numbers.

Zeitlin, Maurice, and L. Frank Weyher. "Black and White, Unite and Fight: Interracial Working Class Solidarity and Racial Employment Equality." American Journal of Sociology 107 (2001): 430-467.

In-text: (Zeitlin and Weyher 456)

Electronic Sources

Most electronic sources, CD-ROM and e-mail excluded, have 3 parts: the publication information (both print and electronic versions), date of access (the day you looked at the site), and the URL (the source's address or, if that is lengthy, the site's search page or home page address). Some of the publication information can be located within a site by going to the site's home page and looking at the link entitled About . . .

Online Subscription Service—Library Databases

Example of Expanded Academic ASAP

What follows is an example of how to cite a journal paginated by volume and found using a subscription service. Note that the periodical information is essentially the same as the print version. The identifying information for the subscription service begins with the name of the database.

Author(s) of the Article. "Title of the Article." Name of the Periodical Volume (Year of Publication): Page Numbers. Name of the Database. Name of the Service. Library, City, State. Date of Access <URL of the Service's Home Page>.

Dover, Jeffrey S., and Kenneth A. Arndt. "Dermatology." The Journal of the American Medical Association 273 (1995): 1668-1670. Expanded Academic ASAP. Info Trac. Chaffey Coll. Lib., Rancho Cucamonga, CA. 22 Apr. 2002 <[http:// infotracc.galegroup.com](http://infotracc.galegroup.com)>.

In-text: Dover and Arndt state . . .

Example of LexisNexis

Here is a newspaper article that was accessed through a subscription service.

Author. "Article." Periodical Publication Date. Database. Subscription Service. Library, City, State. Date of Access <URL of the Service's Home Page>.

Yahya, Rosli Abidin. "Brunei: Thieves Target Empty Buildings." Borneo Bulletin 10 Mar. 2003. LexisNexis Academic. LexisNexis. Chaffey Coll. Lib., Rancho Cucamonga, CA. 13 Mar. 2003 <<http://www.lexisnexus.com>>.

In-text: Yahya points out that . . .

*Example of **Opposing Viewpoints Center***

Below is an example of an article in a periodical that was reprinted in an anthology. The publication information for the anthology and periodical is given.

Author(s). "Article." Book. Editor, ed. Series. Publisher, Publication Date. Reprint of "Article." Periodical Publication Date. Database. Subscription Service. Library, City, State. Date of Access <URL of the Service's Home Page >.

Wexler, Arnie, and Sheila Wexler. "The Hidden Addiction: Compulsive Gambling." Legalized Gambling. Mary E. Williams, ed. Contemporary Issues Companion Series. Greenhaven Press, 1999. Rpt. of "The Hidden Addiction." Professional Counselor Jun. 1997. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Info Trac. Chaffey Coll. Lib., Rancho Cucamonga, CA. 3 Mar. 2003 <<http://infotrac.galegroup.com>>.

In-text: The Wexlers observed that . . .

Online Government Publication

Note: If the author's name is known, it can replace the name of the government and the agency.

Name of Government (Country, State, or City). Agency (Congress, House or Senate, Dept. or Committee). Title of Publication. Number of Congress, Session of Congress. House (H) or Senate (S). Type and Number of Publication. City: Publisher, Year of Publication. Last Update. Date of Access <URL>.

United States. Cong. Senate. Committee of Indian Affairs. Oversight Hearing on the Implementation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. 107th Cong., 1st sess. S. Hrg. 107-166. Washington: GPO, 2001. 26 May 2004 <<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/advancedsearch.html>>.

In-text: The United States Senate concluded that . . .

Short Work from a Web Site

Author of the Work. "Title of the Work." Title of the Site. Last Update. Site Sponsor. Date of Access <URL>.

McGrady, Jr., Patrick M. "The American Cancer Society Means Well, but the Janker Clinic Means Better." CanHelp. 1992. 26 May 2004 <<http://www.canhelp.com/articles>>.

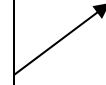
In-text: McGrady accused . . .

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