

Quick Guide for Works Cited Entries – MLA Handbook 9th Edition

(Skip any information that is not available; check with your teacher regarding optional elements)

Core Elements of a Works Cited Entry (Use quotation marks for a “Source” in a *Container*)

Author. “Title of Source.” *Title of Container*, Contributor, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication Date, Location.

For more info, including 2nd container, see sec. 5.1 *MLA Handbook*, 9th ed., 2021

Elements Commonly Used for Print Sources

Book

Author(s). *Title of Book*. Publisher, Year.

If important, place city of publication before publisher followed by a comma [5.67]

Golding, William. *Lord of the Flies*. Penguin, 2006. **OR**

If important, place original publication date after title [5.108]

Golding, William. *Lord of the Flies*. 1954, New York, Penguin, 2006.

Article in a Reference Book or Edited Collection (Page numbers may be omitted for alphabetized sources)

Author(s). “Title of Article.” *Title of Book*, edited by Editor’s Name(s), Volume, Publisher, Year, Pages.

“Poseidon.” *Ancient Greece and Rome: An Encyclopedia for Students*, edited by Carroll Moulton, vol. 3, Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1998, pp. 152-153.

For information about using quotation marks or *italics* for titles, see *MLA9* sections 2.106-2.11

Newspaper Article

Author(s). “Title of Article.” *Newspaper*, Date, Pages.

See *MLA9* section 5.72 for additional examples of news article citations

Stohr, Greg. “Errant Online Profile Sparks Suit.” *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 3 Nov. 2015, pp. A7-A8.

Academic Journal or Magazine Article

See section 5.73 for examples with varying date formats

Author(s). “Title of Article.” *Journal or Magazine Title*, Volume, Issue no., Publication date, Pages.

Bar, Michael, et al. “Gender Wage Gap Accounting: The Role of Selection Bias.” *Demography*, vol. 52, no. 5, Oct. 2015, pp. 1729-50. (et al. indicates there are **three or more authors**, only the first is listed)

Tumulty, Karen, and Sophia Yan. “Can Obama Find a Cure?” *Time*, vol. 174, no. 5, 10 Aug. 2009, p. 26.

Elements Commonly Used for Online or Electronic Sources

Article or eBook from an Online Database

See section 5.102 “Works in Two Containers”

For a source from a database, use the normal citation for a similar print source (or as much of it as is available), then add the following information from the 2nd container:

... *Database Name*, DOI or URL.

*See section 5.111 regarding when to include the *date of access*

“The Fire This Time (and the Next Time).” *Rolling Stone*, no. 1244, 24 Sept. 2015, pp. 38–41. *MasterFILE Elite*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=fth&AN=109303442&site=eds-live&scope=site.

Hilferty, Daniel J. “Getting Health Care Right.” *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, vol. 46, no. 4, Winter 2018, pp. 829–832. *EBSCOhost*, doi:10.1177/1073110518821974.

Grando, Maria Adela, et al. *Information Technology for Patient Empowerment in Healthcare*. Berlin, De Gruyter, 2015. *eBook Academic Collection*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=e000xna&AN=984262&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Webpage (Include a URL omitting http://)

Author(s) or Editor(s). “Title of Page.” *Title of Web Site*, Publisher or sponsor of site, Publication Date, URL. Access Date (*if needed).

See [Purdue OWL MLA Electronic Sources](#) for tweet, YouTube, or image examples and more

Westcott, Lucy. “America vs. Leggings: A Brief History.” *Newsweek*, 27 Mar. 2017, www.newsweek.com/america-vs-leggings-united-airlines-bans-girls-574779. Accessed 22 Sept. 2021.

See page two of this document for an example of a properly formatted Works Cited page.

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Alphabetize entries, ignoring an initial A, An or The.

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Proper Punctuation Order for Citing a Quote In-Text

" " ().

"Statement quoted" (Author).

In-text Parenthetical Citation Examples

(Bar et al. 1730-31)

("Fire" 40)

(Golding 54)

(Grando et al.)

(Hilferty 829-30)

("Poseidon" 152)

(Stohr A7)

(Tumulty and Yan 26)

(Westcott)