

MLA 9 Quick Guide

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Websites	Template	Example
Website, Web Page, or Web Document	<p>Last name, first name of author OR name of site publisher. "Page Title." <i>Name of Site</i>, Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation, hyperlinked URL.</p> <p>NOTE: Date of access and redundant info (for ex: the author is also the publisher) are optional.</p>	<p>Horrigan, John B. "Libraries 2016." <i>Pew Research Center: Internet, Science & Tech</i>, Pew Research Center, 9 Sept. 2016, www.pewinternet.org/2016/09/09/libraries-2016/.</p> <p>"Shakespeare's Works." <i>The Folger Shakespeare Library</i>, 2022, https://www.folger.edu/shakespeares-works.</p>
Magazine or News Article from a Website	<p>Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Publication</i>, date of resource creation, URL.</p> <p>NOTE: Date of access is optional.</p>	<p>McPhate, Mike. "California Today: A Leaning Tower in San Francisco." <i>New York Times</i>, 14 Sept. 2016, https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/14/us/california-today-sinking-millennium-tower.html.</p>
Video uploaded to YouTube or other video sharing site	<p>Last Name, First Name or name of speaker/presenter. "Title of Video." <i>YouTube</i>, uploaded by Name of Uploader, date of posting, Publisher (if different from uploader). URL.</p> <p>NOTE: Date of access and redundant info (for ex: the speaker is also the uploader) are optional.</p>	<p>Adichie, Chimamanda N. "The Danger of a Single Story Adichie Ngozi Chimamanda." <i>YouTube</i>, uploaded by TED 7 Oct. 2009, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9Ihs241zeg.</p> <p>"John Wick Pitch Meeting." <i>YouTube</i>, uploaded by Screen Rant, 9 May 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3eNE4Gk-tA.</p>

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Podcast	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Episode." <i>Title of Podcast</i> , date of resource creation. URL. NOTE: Use the name of the host as the author.	Leiva, Javier. "S703: The Pharmacist." <i>Pretend: A True Crime Documentary Podcast</i> , 2 Feb. 2021. http://pretendradio.org/ .
Twitter / Instagram	Twitter Name [Twitter handle]. "The entire tweet word-for-word." <i>Platform</i> , Day Month Year of Tweet, Time of Post, URL. NOTE: If name is the full name of author, use First Name Last Name	Persiankiwi [@persiankiwi]. "We have report of large street battles in east & west of Tehran now - #Iraelection." <i>Twitter</i> , 23 June 2009, 11:15 a.m., https://twitter.com/persiankiwi/status/2298106072 . Eilish, Billie [@billieeilish]. "TIME 100." <i>Instagram</i> , 15 Sep. 2021, https://www.instagram.com/p/CT2PD92pa6e/ .
TikTok	TikTok Name [handle]. "Title of Video." <i>TikTok</i> , Day Month Year of TikTok, URL. NOTE: If name is the full name of author, use First Name Last Name	Lilly [@uvisaa]. "[I]f u like dark academia there's a good chance you've seen my tumblr #darkacademia." <i>TikTok</i> , 14 April 2020, https://www.tiktok.com/@uvisaa/video/6815708894900391173 .
Facebook Post	Author Last Name, First Name or Account Name. Description of Post. <i>Facebook</i> , Day Month Year of Post, URL. NOTE: As Facebook posts can be lengthy, describe the post instead of reposting. NOTE: It may not be possible to link directly	Rick Mercer Report. Spread the Net Challenge Winners 2016. <i>Facebook</i> , 23 Mar. 2016, 9:00 a.m., www.facebook.com/rickmercerreport .

Academic/Peer-Reviewed/ Scholarly Journal Articles	Template	Example
Journal Article without DOI	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Work." <i>Title of Journal</i> , volume number, issue number, year of publication, page numbers. <i>Name of Database</i> , URL.	Mintz, Jack, and Thomas A. Wilson. "Realization and Revenue Effects of Lifetime Capital Gains Exemptions." <i>Canadian Public Policy</i> , vol. 121, no. 8, 1995, pp. 174-192. <i>JSTOR</i> , www.jstor.org/stable/3551868 .
Journal Article with DOI	Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Journal</i> , volume number, issue number, date of publication, page numbers. <i>Name of Database</i> , doi.	Martin, Kimberly, and Lori Townsend. "Community College Student Success: The Role of Motivation and Self-Empowerment." <i>Community College Review</i> , vol. 42, no. 3, 2014, pp. 221-241. <i>Academic Search Premier</i> , doi: 10.1177/0091552114528972.
Journal Article from a website	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Work." <i>Title of Journal</i> , volume number, issue number, date of publication, page numbers. <i>Name of Website</i> , URL or doi.	Hirsch, Bet T., et al. "Raccoon Social Networks and the Potential for Disease Transmission" <i>PLoS ONE</i> , vol. 8, no. 10, 2013, doi: https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0075830 .

Books	Template	Example
Book with One Author	Last Name, First Name. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, year of publication.	Schlosser, Eric. <i>Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal</i> . Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.
... with Two Authors	Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, year of publication. NOTE: List authors in the order presented.	Dorris, Michael, and Louise Erdrich. <i>The Crown of Columbus</i> . HarperCollins Publishers, 1999.
... with more than Two Authors	Last Name, First Name, et al. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, year of publication. NOTE: Use the author first presented.	Charon, Rita, et al. <i>The Principles and Practice of Narrative Medicine</i> . Oxford UP, 2017.
... with an Editor as Author	Editor Last Name, First Name, ed. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, year of publication. NOTE: For more than one editor, follow style used for authors.	Schanbacher, William, ed. <i>The Global Food System: Issues and Solutions</i> . ABC-CLIO, 2014.
Article or Chapter in an Edited Book	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Chapter." <i>Title of Work</i> , edited by First Name Last Name, Publisher, year of publication, page numbers.	Gershuny, Grace. "Battles for the Soul of Organic: The Grassroots versus the Suits." <i>The Global Food System: Issues and Solutions</i> , edited by William Schanbacher, ABC-CLIO, 2014, pp. 139-154.
An Entry in an Encyclopedia or Dictionary	Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Work</i> , edited by First Name Last Name, volume number, Publisher, year of publication, page numbers.	"Humor." <i>International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences</i> , edited by David L. Sills, vol. 7, Macmillan, 1968, pp. 1-8.
eBooks	Last Name, First Name. <i>Title of Work</i> . Publisher, year of publication. <i>Name of Database, website, or app</i> , URL if applicable.	Kendi, Ibram X. <i>How to Be an Antiracist</i> . One World, 2019. EBSCOhost, https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1810881&site=ehost-live .

In-Text Citations

To cite quotes and paraphrase in text, use these formats:

Basic Format: (Author page number).

- **Example:** Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

Two Authors

- **Example:** It has been suggested that "meditation is an often overlooked but powerful option for dispute resolution in health care" (Tompkins and Benson 36).

Three or More Authors

- **Example:** There are many theories about the Bermuda Triangle, "a magnetic irregularity that interferes with compasses, a plot by the government or some foreign power, a spatiotemporal hole, extraterrestrial activity, the influence of the mythical lost civilization of Atlantis..." (Le Carrer et al. 152).

Author Stated in Sentence

- **Example:** Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).
- **Example:** Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

No Known Author

- Use the title instead.
- **Example:** We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change . . ." ("Impact of Global Warming" 6).

No Page Number

- Just don't include it.

Formatting Authors, Titles, and Dates in Work Cited

Citing Authors in MLA Works Cited

One Author: Last Name, First Name.

- **Example:** Schlosser, Eric.

Two Authors: Last Name, First Name and First Name Last Name

- **Example:** Portes, Alejandro, and Rubén Rumbaut.

Three or More Authors: Last Name, First Name and et al.

- **Example:** Nevadomski-Berdan, Stacie, et al.

Et al. is the abbreviated Latin phrase “et alia.” It means “and others”

No Author: Use the title of the resource instead.

- **Example:** “Humor.” *International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences*, edited by David L. Sills, vol. 7, Macmillan, 1968, pp. 1-8.

Formatting Titles in MLA Works Cited

Titles are capitalized.

If a work is stand alone, like a book or a whole website, then the title is italicized.

- **Example:** Schlosser, Eric. *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.

If a work is part of a larger whole (like a short story in a textbook, article on a website, or academic article in a journal) then the title is in quotation marks.

- **Example:** McPhate, Mike. "California Today: A Leaning Tower in San Francisco." New York Times, 14 Sept. 2016, www.nytimes.com/2016/09/14/us/california-today-sinking-millennium-tower.html.

Formatting Dates in MLA Works Cited

Dates should be formatted as day month year. The month should be abbreviated.

- **Example:** 5 Nov. 2018.

If you do not have a day or month just include the year. If you do not have a date of publication/creation don't include it as part of the citation.

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- **Author**
- **Title of Source**
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- **Version**
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- **Location**