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Entire Website

—Basic Format (no author)

Editorfirst Editorlast (if any). *Name of Site*. Name of Institution
or Organization Affiliated with the Site, Date of posting/last update (if unknown, *n.d.*). Web. Date of access.

—**Ex.** Willett, Perry. *Victorian Women Writers Project*. Indiana University, *n.d.* Web. 26 June 2009.

Specific page within a Website

—Basic Format (no author)

“Title of Webpage.” Editorfirst Editorlast (if any). *Name of Site*. Name of Institution
or Organization Affiliated with the Site, Date of posting/last update (if unknown, *n.d.*). Web. Date of access.

—**Ex.** “How to Make Vegetarian Chili.” *eHow.com*. eHow, Inc., 10 May 2007. Web. 26 June 2009.

Article from an Online Newspaper

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Authorfirst. “Title of Article.” *Name of Site*. Title of Newspaper, Day
Month Year. Web. Date of access.

—**Ex.** Hauser, Christine. “Candidates Outline Plans to Improve Environment.”
New York Times. New York Times, 18 Nov. 2007. Web. 10 Feb. 2009.

Image/Artwork from a Website

—Basic Format

Artistlast, Artistfirst. *Name of Image/ Artwork*. Date work was created. Name of institution and city where the work is housed. Web. Date of access.

—**Ex.** Warhol, Andy. *Bank by Andy Warhol*. 1968. Museum of Modern Art, New York. Web. 31 July 2009.

* For articles from library database, see ‘Articles’.



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Guide for Citing Resources — MLA Style

This guide is based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 7th ed.* (Modern Language Association 2009). We have provided examples of the most commonly-used formats. To view other citations online, go to the Library website (www.mxcc.commnet.edu/library)—‘Help with your Research’ - ‘Following Guidelines’ or visit the Writing and Research Center within the MxCC Library on-campus.

General rules:

- Title the list “Works Cited.”
- List the items **alphabetically** by **author**, interfiling books, articles, etc. If no author is given, start with the title.
- Double-space **all** lines.
- Indent the second and following lines 5 spaces (or 1/2 inch).
- Abbreviate the names of all months except May, June, and July.

Author rules:

- Basic format one author: Authorlast, Authorfirst.
- Basic format 2-3 authors: Authorlast, Authorfirst, and Authorfirst Authorlast.
- Basic format more than 3 authors: Provide either the first name only, followed by et al.— Quirk, Randolph, et al.—or all names in the order in which they appear on the title page—Quirk, Randolph, Sidney Greenbaum, Geoffrey Leech, and Jan Svartvik.

Book

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Authorfirst. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

—Example

Gleick, James. *Chaos: Making a New Science*. New York: Penguin Books, 1987. Print.

Electronic book (eBook)

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Authorfirst. *Title of Book*. Edition statement if not first. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. *Name of eBook Site*. Web. Date of access.

—Example

Black, Jeremy. *Britain as a Military Power*. 2nd ed. London: UCL Press, 2002. *NetLibrary*. Web. 11 Dec. 2007.

For entries within an encyclopedia or dictionary, see ‘Articles’.



Articles — Print

Scholarly Journal

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Authorfirst. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year):
Pages. Print.

—Example

Gindlesberger, Danielle, Sarina Schragger, and Stephen Johnson. "What's the Best Treatment for Gestational Diabetes?" *Journal of Family Practice* 56.9 (2007): 757-59. Print.

Magazine

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Authorfirst. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Day Month Year:
Pages. Print.

—Example

Rice, Linda Johnson. "The Greener, The Better." *Ebony* Aug. 2007: 14-15.
Print.

Newspaper

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Authorfirst. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Day Month Year,
edition (if noted): Pages. Print.

—Example

Balz, Dan and Juliete Eilperin. "A World of Respect for Gore." *The Hartford Courant* 13 Oct. 2007, late ed.: A1+. Print.

Encyclopedia/Dictionary Entry

—Basic Format (no author)

"Entryname." *Title of Enc/Dict.* edition (if noted). Year. Print.

—Example

"Personality Disorder." *Encyclopedia of Sociology*. 2nd ed. 2000. Print.

If the paging of an article is continued elsewhere in the issue, include only the first page followed by a plus sign (ex. 25+).



Articles — From a Library Database

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Scholarly Journal

—Basic Format

Authorlast, Authorfirst. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue
(Year): Pages. *Database Name*. Web. Date of access.

—Example

Leary, Francis. "Robespierre: The Meaning of Virtue." *Virginia Quarterly Review* 72.1 (1996): 104-122. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 11 Dec. 2007.

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—Example

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