MLA Citation Workshop

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Purpose

- Citing resources in MLA format

In-text

- Printed Material
- Electronic and Internet sources

Works Cited

- Printed Books
- Printed Articles in Periodicals
- Electronic and Internet sources

Citing resources in MLA format

- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- Used by English and Humanities students
- Two basic features of MLA style
  - In the text of your paper
    - Include the author and page citation for each source
  - At the end of your paper
    - Include a list of all sources used in your paper
    - Alphabetized by author's last name
    - Alphabetized by title if author is unknown
    - Create list on a new page titled "Works Cited."

Printed Material

- Author named in Introductory Phase

  Ex: One driver, Peter Cohen, says that after he was rear-ended, the guilty party emerged from his vehicle still talking on the phone (127).

- Author named in Parentheses

  Ex: Most states do not keep adequate records on the number of times cell phones are a factor in accidents; as of December 2000, only ten states were trying to keep such records (Sundeen 2).

Printed Material

- ## Author Unknown

  Ex: As of 2001, at least three hundred towns and municipalities had considered legislation regulating use of cell phones while driving ("Lawmakers" 2).

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  Ex: The California Highway Patrol opposes restrictions on the use of phones while driving, claiming that distracted drivers can already be prosecuted (Jacobs).

  Ex: According to Jacobs, the California Highway Patrol opposes restrictions on the use of phones while driving, claiming that distracted drivers can already be prosecuted.

Research

Electronic and Internet Sources

- ## Author named in Introductory Phase

  Ex: Hatchuel discusses how film editing "can change points of view and turn objectivity into subjectivity" (par. 6).

- ## Author named in Parentheses

  Ex: Film editing provides us with different perceptions of reality (Hatchuel, par. 6).

- ## Author Unknown

  Ex: A list of frequently asked questions about documentation and up-to-date instructions on how to cite online sources in MLA format can be found on the association's Web site (MLA).

  Note: paragraph numbers should only be used when they appear in the original source

Printed Books

- Single Author

  Author. <u>Title of Book</u>. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

  Tan, Amy. <u>The Bonesetter's Daughter</u>. New York: Putnam, 2001.

- Two or Three Authors

  Reverse the name of the first author (last name, first name)

  Rowe, Richard, and Larry Jeffus. <u>The Essential Welder: Gas MetalArc Welding Classroom Manual</u>. Albany: Delmar, 2000.

Printed Books

- ## Three or more Authors

If there are more than three authors, name only the first and add *et al.,* or give all the names.

Sloan, Frank A., et al.

Sloan, Frank A., Emily M. Stout, Kathryn Whetten-Goldstein, and Lan Liang.

Printed Articles in Periodicals

- Magazine Articles

  Author. "Title of Article." <u>Title of Magazine</u> Date: Page(s).

  Talcott, Richard. "Great Comets." <u>Astronomy</u> May 2004: 36-41.

  If no author's name is given, begin with the title of the article.

- Journal with Continuous Pagination Through the Volume

  Author. "Title of Article." <u>Title of Journal</u> Volume number (Year): Page(s).

  Davis, William D., Thomas Cleary, Michelle Donnelly, and Samuel Hellerman. "Using Sensor Signals to Analyze Fires." <u>Fire Technology</u> 39 (2003): 295-308.

Printed Articles in Periodicals

- ## Journal with Issues Paged Separately

  Author. "Title of Article." <u>Title of Journal</u> Volume number. Issue number (Year): Page(s).

  Murphy, Karen L., Roseanne DePasquale, and Erin McNamara. "Meaningful Connections: Using Technology in Primary Classrooms." <u>Young Children</u> 58.6 (2003): 12-18.

- ## Newspaper Articles

  Author. "Title of Article." <u>Name of Newspaper</u> Date, edition: Page(s).

  Daranciang, Nelson. "Sex Offender Web Site Debated." <u>Honolulu Star-Bulletin</u> 8 Apr. 2004, night final ed.: A3.

Electronic and Internet Sources

- Entire Internet Site: Scholarly Project or Professional Site

<u>Title of the Site</u>. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

<u>Encyclopedia Mythica</u>. 2004. 13 May 2004 <http://www.pantheon.org/>.

Electronic and Internet Sources

- ## Document from a Web Site

Author. "Title of Web Page." <u>Title of the Site</u>. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

Sherman, Chris. "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About URL." <u>SearchEngineWatch</u>. Ed. Danny Sullivan. 24 Aug. 2004. 4 Sept. 2004 <http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3398511>.

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- Questions or Comments

- Recommended MLA Sources

  - Research and Documentation Online

  <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_o.html>

  - MLA Citation Examples

  <http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/legacylib/mlahcc.html>

  - The Owl at Purdue – MLA Formatting and Style Guide

  <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>

  - Modern Language Association

  <http://www.mla.org/>