2010 MLA—Works Cited Format

This list, alphabetized by the first word in each entry (usually the author's name), should appear at the end of your essay. It provides the information necessary for a reader to locate and be able to read any sources you cite in the essay.

New Rules Effective 2009

- Italics replaces underlining: Titles of books, magazines, films, etc. are placed in italics.
- Web addresses for databases and web pages are not needed unless the teacher instructs you to use them. If required, enclose web address in brackets <url>.
- Every citation requires the listing of a source's format (print, web, CD-ROM, etc.).
- Missing information: If the date of publication is missing, write n.d. If there is no publisher, write N.p. If the site doesn’t have page numbers write n. pag.
- Scholarly journal articles now require both volume and issue numbers. Scholarly journals generally contain longer, original work written by experts for scholars in that profession, such as The Journal of American History. There is no change in the rules for magazines, which are generally written by journalists and may be found in newsstands and bookstores. Newsweek is a magazine.

Basic Rules

- The first line of each entry in your list should be flush left. The next lines in the same citation should be indented one-half inch.
- All references should be double-spaced within and between sources.
- Use a single space after each period.
- Authors' names are inverted (last name first): if a work has more than one author, invert only the first author's name, follow it with a comma, then continue listing the rest of the authors, first name before the last.
- Alphabetize letter by letter, ignoring spaces and punctuation marks. If no author is given, alphabetize by the title of the piece. If two entries have the same first coauthor, alphabetize by the last names of the second authors.
- Capitalize each word in the titles of articles, books, etc. Don't capitalize short parts of speech such as articles, prepositions, or conjunctions (unless one is the first word of the title or subtitle). Use a colon to separate a title and subtitle.
- Italicize titles of independent works: books, journals, magazines, newspapers, websites, and films.
- Use quotation marks around the titles of articles in journals, encyclopedias, magazines, and newspapers. Also use quotation marks for the titles of works published within larger works (short stories, book chapters, pages in Web sites, poems, songs, etc.).
- Abbreviate names of all months except May, June & July.

Print Media

Book
Last Name, First Name of Author. Title. Edition. City of publication: Publisher, copyright year. Format.
1. With author
2. Without author
3. With multiple authors

Encyclopedia
1. With Author
2. Without Author

Multivolume Work
Last Name, First Name of Author. Title. Edition. Total number of volumes (if using more than 2 volumes). City of publication: Publisher, copyright year. Format.
**Book in a Series**
Last Name, First Name of Author. *Title of Book*. City of publication: Publisher, copyright year. Format. 
Series name series number (if given).

**Magazine/Scholarly Journal**
Magazine:
Last Name, First Name of Author. “Title of Article.” *Title of Magazine* Day Mo. Year: pages. Format.

Scholarly Journal:

**Newspaper**
Last Name, First Name of Author. “Title of Article.” *Title of Newspaper* Day Mo. Year, section: pages (use “+” for nonconsecutive pages). Format.
1. With Author

2. Without Author

**Government Publication**
Name of Government. Name of agency. *Title of Publication*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Format.

**Pamphlet**
Last Name, First Name of Author. *Title*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Format.

**Advertisement**
Name of Product or Company. Advertisement. *Title of Publication* Date of Issue: Page (Follow pattern for type of publication). Format.

**Electronic Media**

**Television or Radio Broadcast**
“Title of episode or segment.” *Title of program or series*. Name of network. Broadcast date. Medium of reception.

**Film**
*Title*. Director. (Insert key info., e.g. Performers, Producer or Screenwriter, here). Distributor, Year of Release. Medium consulted.
**DVD or Videocassette**
*Title*: Director. (Insert key info., e.g. Performer, Producer or Screenwriter, here). Original Release Year. Distributor, Year of Release. Medium (Video cassette or DVD).


**Sound Recording**
*Artist(s)*. *Title of Recording or Works*. Manufacturer, year of issue. Format.


**E-Mail**
Author. “Title of Message (from subject line, if any).” E-mail to author. Day Mo. Year. Medium of delivery.


**Article in an Electronic Database**
Last Name, First Name of Author (if given). “Title of Article.” *Title of Encyclopedia, Book, Magazine or Newspaper*. Day Mo. Year of publication: Section or Pages in print version. *Title of Database*.

1. Online Encyclopedia

2. Online Databases, ex: EBSCO

**Web Publications**
Last Name, First Name of Author (if given). “Title of work.” *Title of overall site* (if different from title of work). Version/edition used. Publisher/sponsor of the site (if not available, use N.p.), Day Mo. Year of publication (if not available, use n.d.). Format. Day Mo. Year of access.

1. Online Encyclopedia Article

2. Online Newspaper

3. Article on Web Site

4. Map

**Personal Interview**

Name of person(s) interviewed. Personal/Telephone Interview. Day Mo. Year of Interview.