

# MLA Style Guide for Works Cited

Examples based on *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition (in the library under call number LB 2369.G53 2009; a copy is also available at the Information Desk). Numbers in parentheses below refer to sections in the *Handbook*.

## General Guidelines for all Sources

- If you cannot find all the information shown in an example, cite what is available.
- MLA requires a hanging indent and **double spacing** throughout the works cited list.
- Arrange entries in works cited list in alphabetical order by the surname of the first author.
- In publication dates, abbreviate the names of all months except May, June, and July.
- **Note:** The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Handbook* now includes the format of items (Print, Web, etc.) and no longer requires URLs for web sites and electronic databases; check with your instructor.

### **Book** (5.5.2 - 5.5.4)

Author Last Name, First Name. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Format.

Gladwell, Malcolm. *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*. New York: Little, 2005. Print.

Stewart, Jon, Ben Karlin, and David Javerbaum. *America (the Book): a Citizen's Guide to Democracy in Action*. New York: Warner, 2004. Print.

### **Edited Book** (5.5.3) – Note: The “ed” or “eds” after the names means editor(s).

Gerdes, Louise I., ed. *Globalization: Opposing Viewpoints*. Detroit: Greenhaven, 2006. Print.

Gunter, Veronika Alice and Jane LaFerla, eds. *The Penland Book of Handmade Books: Master Classes in Bookmaking Techniques*. New York: Lark, 2004. Print.

### **Electronic Book (eBook)** (5.6.2 c)

Author Last Name, First Name. *Title of book*. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. *Name of website hosting book*. Format. Day, month, year of access.

Iacobbo, Karen. *Vegetarians in America Today*. Westport: Praeger, 2006. *NetLibrary*. Web. 25 Mar. 2009.

Carr, James H., and Nandinee K. Kutty, eds. *Segregation: the Rising Costs for America*. New York: Routledge, 2008. *NetLibrary*. Web. 25 Mar. 2009.

### **Encyclopedia Entry** (5.5.7) Note: Cite author of article, if given; do not cite editor of encyclopedia.

Nowinski, Joseph. “Treatment: Twelve Step Facilitation.” *Encyclopedia of Drugs*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2000. Print.

**Work in an Anthology** (5.5.6) Note: For an essay, poem, or another work (piece) that appears in an anthology or other book collection, add the following to the basic book entry (5.5.2):

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Piece." Ed. Editor First Name, Last. Place of Publication:  
Publisher, Year of publication. Page number(s) for piece. Format.

Bordo, Susan. "The Moral Content of Nabakov's *Lolita*." *Aesthetic Subjects*. Ed. Pamela R. Matthews and David McWhirter. Minneapolis: U of Minnesota P, 2003. 125-52. Print.

**Journal Article** (5.4.2)

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume (Year): page numbers. Format.

White, Kenneth. "Scourge of Racism: Genocide." *Journal of Black Studies* 39 (2009): 471-481. Print.

Santoni, Pedro. "Santa Anna: Cursed Mexico." *The Journal of Military History* 67 (2003): 567-573. Print.

**Journal Article from Electronic Database** (such as ProQuest) (5.6.4)

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume number. Issue number (Year):  
page numbers. *Title of database*. Format. Day, month, year of access.

King, Lisa Y. "Race Mixing: Black White Marriage in Postwar America." *The Journal of Southern History* 71.1 (2005): 209-210. *ProQuest*. Web. 13 Apr. 2009.

Young, Katherine K., and Paul Nathanson. "Redefining Marriage: a Canadian Case Study." *Journal of Family Studies* 13.2 (2007): 133-179. *ProQuest Psychology Journals*. Web. 13 Apr. 2009.

**Work from a Website** (5.6.2)

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of the work." *Title of the overall website*. Site publisher/sponsor (if none use "N.p."), Date of Publication (if none, use "n.d."). Format. Day, month, year of access.

"Vegetarianism." *Wikipedia*. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., 12 Apr. 2009. Web. 13 Apr. 2009.

"Freud, Sigmund." *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2008. Web. 13 Apr. 2009.

Sherman, Lola. "Plan Lists Ways to Revitalize Coast Highway." *SignOnSanDiego.com*. Union-Tribune, 12 Apr. 2009. Web. 27 Apr. 2009.