

# A Brief Guide to MLA Style (7<sup>th</sup> edition - 2009\*)

The following are examples for citing resources (that you have quoted or paraphrased) in a list of **Works Cited**. The list is arranged alphabetically by the last name of the author. If there is no author, file the citation alphabetically by the title of the resource.

**Note:** *Entries should be double-spaced – they are shown here single-spaced to save paper.* The examples on this sheet represent local TCC citation rules; your instructor may have different requirements.

## BOOKS

Single Author	Ho, Fred Wei-han. <i>Afro Asia: Revolutionary Political and Cultural Connections between African Americans and Asian Americans</i> . Durham: Duke UP, 2008. Print.
Two to three Authors	Pilcher, Jane, and Imelda Whelehan. <i>Fifty Key Concepts in Gender Studies</i> . Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2004. Print.
More than 3 Authors	Sproat, Becky, et al. <i>Librarians Who Hate Citation</i> . Tacoma, WA: Phoney Books, 2010. Print.
e-book accessed on Sept. 20, 2007 from Ebrary database	Joseph, Peniel E. <i>Black Power Movement: Rethinking the Black-Power Civil Rights Era</i> . New York: Routledge, 2006. Ebrary. Web. 20 Sept. 2007.
Work in an Anthology (such as Contemporary Literary Criticism)	Freedman, William. "The Monster in Plath's 'Mirror'." <i>Papers on Language and Literature</i> 108.5 (1993): 152-169. Rpt. in <i>Contemporary Literary Criticism</i> . Ed. Dennis Poupard, Vol. 25. Detroit: Gale, 1998. 399-402. Print.

## SUBJECT ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

Signed Article from a Print Subject Encyclopedia	Aptheker, Bettina. "Davis, Angela". <i>Black Women in America</i> . Ed. Delores Clark Hine. 2nd ed. Vol 1. New York: Oxford UP, 2005. Print. 3 vols.
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Omit terms such as *Press*, *Inc.*, and *Co.* except when naming a university press, e.g., Harvard UP

## PERIODICAL ARTICLES

Here are the pieces of a typical citation, as found on September 8, 2008 in a ProQuest database:

[No Friends of the Ice Bears](#)

Article title

Michael Gerson. *The Washington Post*. Washington, D.C.: Jul 18, 2008. p. A.17

Author

Newspaper/magazine/  
journal title

Date published

Page  
number(s)

Here is the same citation, reformatted in MLA (2009) style:


Gerson, Michael. "No Friends of the Ice Bears." *The Washington Post* 18 July 2008: A17. ProQuest. Web. 8 Sept. 2008.

Date you retrieved  
from the web

### PERIODICAL ARTICLES, continued

Journal Article, found in print	Murphy, Norma, and Deborah Roberts. "Nurse Leaders as Stewards at the Point of Service." <i>Nursing Ethics</i> 15.2 (2008): 243-253. Print.
Same Article, found in Academic Search Premier database	Murphy, Norma, and Deborah Roberts. "Nurse Leaders as Stewards at the Point of Service." <i>Nursing Ethics</i> 15.2 (2008): 243+. <i>Academic Search Premier</i> . Web. 12 April 2008.
Magazine Article, found in print	Will, George F. "Modern Life in NFL Nation." <i>Newsweek</i> 11 Oct. 2007: 64. Print.
Same Article, found in a ProQuest database	Will, George F. "Modern Life in NFL Nation." <i>Newsweek</i> 11 Oct. 2007: 64. <i>ProQuest</i> . Web. 22 Jan. 2008.
Newspaper Article, found in print	Delaney, Kevin J. "Activists Start Googling; Internet Maps Illustrate Environmental Woes." <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> 15 Nov. 2007: B4. Print.
Same Article, found in a ProQuest database	Delaney, Kevin J. "Activists Start Googling; Internet Maps Illustrate Environmental Woes." <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> 15 Nov. 2007: B4. <i>ProQuest</i> . Web. 3 Jun. 2008.
Same Article, found on newspaper's website	Delaney, Kevin J. "Activists Start Googling; Internet Maps Illustrate Environmental Woes." <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> 15 Nov. 2007. Web. 21 Dec. 2007.

### WEB SITES

Article from Web Page with Government (or Corporate) Author accessed on Jan 22, 2010	<p>United States. National Institutes of Health. National Institute of Mental Health. "Depression." <i>National Institute of Mental Health</i>. National Institute of Mental Health, 23 Sept. 2009. Web. 22 Jan 2010.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">    The title of the site and the sponsor of the site are the same, and thus, repeated </p>
Web page with Author, but no publication date accessed on April 16, 2008	Cawthon Lang, Kristina. <i>Primate Factsheets: Chimpanzee (Pan troglodytes) Behavior</i> , n.d. Web. 16 April 2008.
Web page with no author or date (if a website lacks this info, reconsider using it in research).	<p>"Biofuels." <i>Journey to Forever</i>, n.d. Web. 9 Sept. 2008.</p> <p>*The 2009 MLA update does not require URLs. However, in this case, given the lack of information, the inclusion of the URL may be considered appropriate. Ask your instructor for his/her views on including URLs in the new MLA.</p>

\*The *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (New York: MLA, 2009. Print.) includes significant changes, including but not limited to: *Italics* are used instead of underline; URLs are not required for Web resources; and medium of publication is always noted (e.g. Web, Print, DVD, etc).