**MLA style**

In an MLA works cited entry, the first author’s name is inverted (the last name comes first, followed by a comma and the first name), and all other names are in normal order [for four or more authors, name the first author followed by “et al.” (Latin for “and others”)].

All works cited entries must include the medium in which a work was published, produced, or delivered. The medium usually appears at the end of the entry, capitalized but neither italicized nor in quotation marks. Typical designations for the medium are “Print,” “Web,” “Radio,” “Television,” “CD,” “DVD,” “Photograph,” “Performance,” “Lecture,” “MP3 file,” and “PDF file.”

**Article in an Online Database (5.6.4)**

Use this rule to cite articles found in a library database like Expanded Academic ASAP or Academic Search Premier. Entries for publications periodicals consist of several elements in a prescribed sequence. This list shows most of the possible components of an entry for an article in a print periodical and the order in which they are normally arranged:

1. Author’s name(s)
2. Title of the article (in quotation marks)
3. Name of the periodical (italicized)
4. Series number or name (if relevant; see 5.4.4 for more info)
5. Volume number (for a scholarly journal)
6. Issue number (if available, for a scholarly journal)
7. Date of publication (for a scholarly journal, the year; for other periodicals, the day, month, and year, as available)
8. Inclusive page numbers
9. Title of the database (italicized)
10. Medium of publication consulted (Web)
11. Date of access (day, month, and year)

**Samples:**


**A Work Cited Only on the Web (5.6.2)**

Use this rule to cite items, articles, postings found on the Web. An entry for a nonperiodical publication on the Web usually contains most of the following components, in sequence:

1. Name of the author, compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator of the work
2. Title of the work (italicized if the work is independent; in roman type and quotation marks if the work is part of a larger work [see 3.6.2–3])
3. Title of the overall Web site (italicized), if distinct from item 2
4. Version or edition used
5. Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use *N.p.*
6. Date of publication (day, month, and year, as available); if nothing is available, use *n.d.*
7. Medium of publication (*Web*)
8. Date of access (day, month, and year)

If you cannot find some of this information, cite what is available.

**Samples:**


Smith, Andrew D. “Poll: More than 70% of US Workers Use Internet on the Job.”


**A Book (5.5.2-4)**

Book citations remain largely the same as before except for the addition of the medium of publication, Print, at the end of the entry.

**Sample:**


**An Electronic Book (5.6.2.c)**

Same as a print book, but instead of concluding with *Print* as the medium of publication, record the following information in sequence:

1. Title of the database or Web site (italicized)
2. Medium of publication consulted (*Web*)
3. Date of access (day, month, and year)

**Sample:**


**A Work in an Anthology (5.5.6)**

If you are citing an essay, a short story, a poem, or another work that appears within an anthology or some other book collection, you need to add the following information to the basic book entry (see above).

- Author, title, translator or editor (if applicable), and page numbers of cited piece

**Samples**


An Article in a Reference Book (5.5.7)

Treat an encyclopedia article or a dictionary entry as you would a work in an anthology (see prior entry). If the article is signed, give the author’s name first (often articles in reference books are signed with initials identified elsewhere in the work); if it is unsigned, give the title first.

When citing widely used reference books, especially those that frequently appear in new editions, do not give full publication information. For such works, list only the edition (if stated), the year of publication, and the medium of publication consulted.

Samples


When citing specialized reference works, however, especially those that have appeared in only one edition, give full publication information, omitting inclusive page numbers for the article if the dictionary or encyclopedia is arranged alphabetically.

Samples


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