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MLA Style Citation

All information from outside sources used in a research paper must be cited. The *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th edition by the Modern Language Association (MLA), gives instructions on citing different types of resources. All examples and section numbers listed in this handout are adapted from this edition of the Handbook. **IMPORTANT: Always verify this citation format with your writer's handbook and/or with your instructor.**

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of using another person's ideas, information or words and passing them off as your own. This is not only intellectual theft but can also be construed as fraud if you plagiarize with the intent of getting a better grade (MLA 52). According to the MLA Handbook, most plagiarism in student writing is unintentional and almost always the result of inaccurate notes. To guard against this, always take careful notes that distinguish between your own thoughts and ideas, those that you have paraphrased from other sources, and those that you have directly quoted. Remember that "presenting an author's exact wording without marking it as a quotation is plagiarism, even if you cite the source" (MLA 55).

Parenthetical References

A parenthetical reference briefly identifies the source in the body of the paper without repeating the information from the works cited page. See the *MLA Handbook*, (ch. 6; 214-232) for more details and examples than those provided below.

Sample citation for a work with an author:

Works Cited { Freeman, Michael. *Bloody Sundays: Inside the Dazzling, Rough-and-Tumble World of the NFL*. New York: William Morrow, 2003. Print.

In your paper cite the author's name and the page number in parentheses after the text or in the text. If the author is mentioned in the text, only the page number is needed in parentheses.

In Text { NFL coaching responsibility is greater than in other sports (Freeman 5).
Freeman says that NFL coaching responsibility is greater than in other sports (5).

If you have more than one book or article by the same author, use the last name of the author, a comma, a shortened version of the article or book title (in quotes or italicized) and the page number.

In Text { NFL coaching responsibility is greater than in other sports (Freeman, *Bloody* 5).

Sample citation for a work with no author:

Works Cited { "The Lakers Take the Next Step in the Evolution of the NBA's Minor League System." *Sports Illustrated* 1 May 2006: 22. Print.

In the text, use the first word of the title (not including a, an, or the) and the page number. If the title is italicized, underline it in your reference or if the title is in quotes place it in quotes. Follow the example below:

In Text { The NBA is trying to develop a minor league system ("Lakers" 22).

Additional tips:

When referencing an entire work in your text, mention the author and title of the work in the text rather than in parentheses.

In Text { In *Bloody Sundays*, Freeman exposes football's secrets.

When citing a direct quote used by the author of your source, use the abbreviation **qtd. in** in your parenthetical reference.

In Text { Bill Lyon said, "Favre is a fierce and fiery competitor" (qtd. in Freeman 117).

Tips for web documents:

- If a web page includes fixed page numbers, include them as you would for a print source. [e.g. (Smith 28)].
- If a web page has other fixed numbers, use them with the appropriate labels: **line(s)**, **par(s)** for paragraph(s), **sec(s)** for sections, **ch(s)** for chapters, etc. [e.g. ("Knight's Tale", lines 50-75); (Moulthrop, pars. 19-20)].
- If there are no fixed numbers in a web document, omit them. Never cite a page or line number from a printout; these may vary depending on text size, paper size or printer.

The Works Cited Page

All works that are acknowledged in the paper and identified by a parenthetical reference require a listing in the works cited page. The purpose of the works cited page is to permit the reader to return to the original source.

Here is the basic format for the works cited page:

- Start your works cited page on a new sheet at the end of your paper, number the page (not the citations) consecutively, and use the same font style and size as for the rest of the paper.
- Center the title **Works Cited** one inch from the top of the page and double space between the title and the first entry. Double space the entire list. Arrange entries alphabetically. Do not number the entries.
- Begin each entry flush with the left margin. Indent the following lines five spaces.

Medium of Publication

The medium of publication is the way a resource is delivered to the reader. Print and Web are the two most common delivery methods. A print resource is tangible and "printed". These include but are not limited to books, magazines, letters, and transcripts. A web resource is delivered on the web and can include the same types of sources as above. Other publication mediums include but are not limited to: television, DVD, performance, personal interview, and CD-ROM.

Types and Formats of Sources

The following terms will be important for understanding the different types of sources, how a source is formatted, and how it is delivered:

- ❖ **Books** – A book is usually published once and may be updated in different editions. Usually the information in a book is one to two years old when it is published.
- ❖ **Periodicals** – Periodicals are published in regular intervals, which can be as often as daily or as far apart as annually. In this handout, periodicals will refer to newspapers, magazines and journals.
- ❖ **Databases** – are collections of sources that are usually available by subscription only via the Internet. Databases include sources such as books, periodicals, photographs, videos, and more.
- ❖ **Websites** – are usually available for free on Internet.
- ❖ **Print** – a print source indicates a written source that you can hold in your hand, like a book or a magazine.
- ❖ **Web** – a web source is can be delivered via the Internet or created for the Internet.
 - Sources delivered via the Internet include many electronic books, newspapers, magazines, journals and books that were originally created in print and may or may not still exist in print as well as online.
 - Sources that are created for the Internet have been designed by private individuals, companies, agencies or organizations that have created material especially for their websites. These sources do not exist in any other format.

Citation

Citing print and web formats of any type of resource is not really dependent on how you found the source, but on original MLA style. If someone mails you a 100 dollar check, after you cash it, you have 100 dollars. If that check is directly deposited in your checking account, you might not have the check in your hand, but you still have 100 dollars.

A source's identity does not depend on the way you access it. A book will be a book whether you find it on a library's book shelf, access it in an online database, or find it on a website. Likewise a magazine is a magazine regardless of how you accessed it. You would always use the regular MLA citation format for book or magazine citations to cite print and web sources. Then you would add the medium of publication (usually either print or web).

Basic Citation Elements:

Every type of citation from any kind of source will contain some if not all of the following elements **in the order listed below**. The format of these elements does not usually change.

Author - Include all the authors of the work in the format listed (sections 5.5.2 & 5.5.4)

- ❖ No Author – start with the title of the work
- ❖ 1 Author – Smith, Jane.
- ❖ 2 Authors – Smith, Jane and John Doe.
- ❖ 3 Authors – Smith, Jane, John Doe and Dudley Doright.
- ❖ More than three authors – Smith, Jane, et al.
- ❖ Editors as authors – list the author's as above and add the abbreviation ed. or eds. preceded by a comma –
 - 1 editor - Smith, Jane, ed.
 - 2 editors - Smith, Jane and John Doe, eds.
 - 3 editors – Smith, Jane, John Doe and Dudley Doright, eds.
 - More than three editors – Smith, Jane, et al., eds.
- ❖ Organizations and associations can be authors as well – American Heart Association

Title of the work - Include any titles for the work.

- ❖ Italicize the titles of books, magazines, newspapers, journals, movies, and other large sources
- ❖ Place in quotation marks the titles of articles, short stories, poetry, and other smaller sources within larger ones
- ❖ Any section cited from a larger source (like an anthology or a web page within a web site) must be in quotes.

Publication Information – includes publisher information for print as well as database resources.

- ❖ Book – use the format (Place of Publication: Publisher, Date – for example, New York: Putnam, 2007).
- ❖ Magazine – give the publication date for article and page numbers of the article.
 - Weekly publications –Day Month Year format (10 Apr. 2007)
 - Monthly publications – Month Year format (Apr. 2007)
 - Bi-Monthly publications – Month-Month Year format (Nov.- Dec. 2007)
 - Seasonal publications – Season Year format (Winter 2007)
 - Abbreviate all months except for May, June and July
 - Volume and issue numbers (for journals only) and page numbers will also be included
- ❖ Database Source –
 - list the publication information for the original print source
 - give the name of the database
- ❖ Website – date the information on the website was added or updated (if available)

Access Information & Medium of Publication – access dates are required for all online sources. URLs are only required if “you probably can't relocate the source without it”. (Use the same formats for dates as listed above).

- ❖ Print Source – use the notation **Print** when you use the physical (not virtual) version of any type of source
- ❖ Database Source –
 - include the access date (the date when you found the article)
 - include the medium of publication **Web**
- ❖ Website – include:
 - Access date (the date you found the site or page)
 - include the medium of publication **Web**
 - include the URL if a general web search for the title and author of the source does not immediately return you to the source

Examples: Please Note: MLA Style requires your citations to be double-spaced even though the examples here are single-spaced

Book Examples

Print Book Citation Format:

Author's last name, first name (initial if known). *Title of Book*. City of Publication, state or country: publisher, year of publication. Print.

Online Book Citation Format:

Author's last name, first name (initial if known). *Title of E-Book*. City of Publication, state or country: publisher, year of publication. *Name of database*. Web. Access date (day month year).

Print Books (section 5.5.2)

Waldron, Ann. *Eudora: A Writer's Life*. New York: Doubleday, 1998. Print.

People for the American Way. *Attacks on the Freedom to Learn: 1992-1993 Report*. Washington: People for the American Way, 1993. Print.

Holy Bible: New King James Version. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1982. Print.

Online (e-book) Book from a Database (section 5.6.2c and 5.6.4)

Toth, Emily. *Unveiling Kate Chopin*. Jackson, MS: UP of Mississippi, 1999. *NetLibrary*. Web. 19 Sept. 2001.

Online (e-book) from a Website (section 5.6.2c)

Tressell, Robert. *Ragged Trousered Philanthropists*. Project Guttenburg. Ed. Michael S. Hart. Web. 10 Sept. 2003.

Print Book in a Series (section 5.5.15)

Thompson, William N. *Legalized Gambling*. 2nd ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1997. Print. Contemporary World Issues.

Chapter From a Print Book in a Series (sections 5.5.6 & 5.5.15)

Thompson, William N. "Legalization, Statistics and Points of View." *Legalized Gambling*. 2nd ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1997. 129-177. Print. Contemporary World Issues.

Print Encyclopedias and Dictionaries (section 5.5.7)

When citing familiar works that are constantly updated the publication information is not necessary. If citing works that are less familiar or that only appear in one edition give complete publication information.

Dobie, J. Frank. "Houston, Sam." *The Encyclopedia Americana*. International Ed. 1994. Print.

"Noon." *The Oxford English Dictionary*. 2nd ed. 1989. Print.

Spears, Richard A. "Airhead." *NTC's Dictionary of American Slang and Colloquial Expressions*. Lincolnwood, IL: National Textbook Company, 1994. Print.

Online Encyclopedias and Dictionaries from Databases (sections 5.5.7 & 5.6.2c)

“Daughter.” *Oxford English Dictionary*. 1989. *Oxford English Dictionary Online*. Web. 14 July 2005.

“Cuban Missile Crisis.” *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. 2003. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Web. 6 May 2003.

Work from a Print Anthology (section 5.5.6)

Angelou, Maya. “To a Freedom Fighter.” *The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou*. New York: Random House, 1994. 37. Print.

Angelou, Maya. “Still I Rise.” *Black Sister: Poetry by Black American Women, 1746-1980*. Ed. Erlene Stetson. Bloomington, IN: Indiana UP, 1981. 265. Print.

Print Multivolume Work (section 5.5.14)

Zaidman, Laura M. “Zora Neale Hurston.” *Dictionary of Literary Biography: American Short-Story Writers, 1910-1945*. Ed. Bobby Ellen Kimbel. Vol. 86. Detroit: Gale, 1989. 159-171. Print.

Reprints of Scholarly Publications w/same title in single and multivolume works (sections 5.5.6, 5.5.14 & 5.5.16)

When the title of a reprinted article and the original article are the same, cite the original source first followed by the abbreviation **Rpt. in** and the new publication information for the reprint.

Mellor, Steven. “How Do Only Children Differ from Other Children?” *The Journal of Genetic Psychology* 151.2 (June 1990): 221-230. Rpt. in *Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Childhood and Society*. 3rd ed. Eds. Diana S. Del Campo and Robert L. Del Campo. Guilford, CT: Dushkin/McGraw-Hill, 2000. 114-121. Print. Taking Sides.

Tucker, Bonnie Poitras. “Deaf Culture, Cochlear Implants, and Elective Disability.” *Hastings Center Report* 28.4 (1998). Rpt. in *Clashing Views on Controversial Bioethical Issues*. 8th ed. Ed. Carol Levine. Guilford, CT: Dushkin/McGraw-Hill, 1999. 153-159. Print. Taking Sides Series.

Kendall, Lyle H. “The Vampire Motif in ‘The Fall of the House of Usher’.” *College English* 24.4 (1963): 450-53. Rpt. in *Short Story Criticism*. Ed. Margaret Haerens. Vol. 22. Detroit: Gale, 1996. 308-311. Print.

Lieber, Todd M. “Talismanic Patterns in the Novels of John Steinbeck.” *American Literature* (May 1972): 262-275. Rpt. in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*. Eds. Carolyn Riley and Phyllis Carmel Mendelson. Vol. 5. Detroit: Gale, 1976. 406-407. Print.

Reprints or Excerpts of Scholarly Publications with different titles (section 5.5.6)

When the title of reprinted or excerpted material is different from the original source, cite the reprint or excerpt first. Then add **Rpt. of** or **Excerpt of** and follow with as much of the original source information as provided.

Paris, Susan E. “The Animal Rights Movement Slows Medical Progress.” Ed. David M. Haugan. *Animal Experimentation*. At Issue. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven, 2000. 24-26. Print. Rpt. of “Animal Rights Advocates’ Actions Pose Big Threat to Public Health.” *The Scientist* 8.17 (5 Sept. 1994).

Adams, Robert M. “Metaphysical Poets, Ancient and Modern.” *Poetry Criticism*. Ed. Robyn V. Young. Vol. 4. Detroit: Gale, 1992. 113-115. Print. Excerpt from *Strains of Discord: Studies in Literary Openness*. Cornell UP, 1958. 105-145.

More Print Reprints or Excerpts (section 5.5.6)

Many anthologies (like **Opposing Viewpoints**, **At Issue**, or **Ideas in Conflict**) will reprint articles previously published in books, magazines or a website. If the original article was not published in scholarly journal you do not have to give the original publishing information.

Kevorkian, Jack. "Sentenced to What Kind of Death." Ed. Gary McCuen. *The Death Penalty and the Disadvantaged*. Hudson, WI: GEM Publications, Inc., 1997. 9-19. Print. Ideas in Conflict.

Seriously Ill for Medical Research. "The World's Religions Condone Animal Experimentation." *Animal Experimentation*. Ed. David M. Haugan. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven, 2000. 27-33. Print. At Issue.

Periodical Examples

Print Periodical Citation Format

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine or Newspaper* Date of publication (day month year): page number(s). Print.

Authors last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.number (year of publication): page number(s). Print.

Online Periodical Citation Format (database):

Author's last name, first name (initial if known). "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine or Newspaper* Date of publication: page number(s). *Name of Database*. Web. Access date (day month year).

Author's last name, first name (initial if known). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.number (Year of publication): page number(s). *Name of Database*. Web. Access date (day month year).

Print Newspapers (section 5.4.5)

- If the city is not included in the title of the newspaper, include it brackets after the title.
- When a newspaper includes the edition on the front page, add a comma after the date and specify the edition.

Jehl, Douglas and David Rohde. "Afghan Deaths Linked to Unit at Iraq Prison." *New York Times* 24 May 2004, national ed.: A1+. Print.

Woodward, Calvin. "Storm Surrounds Raid as Elian Has Quiet Easter." *Daily Commercial* [Leesburg] 24 Apr. 2000: A1. Print.

Online Newspapers or Newswires from Databases (sections 5.4.5, 5.6.2c & 5.6.4)

Ungar, Laura. "Del. Study: Low-Carb, High-Fat Diet Works." *News Journal* [Wilmington, Delaware] 28 Nov. 2003: 1, 8A. *America's Newspapers*. Web. 6 Jan. 2004.

Online Newspapers or Newswires from Websites (sections 5.4.5, 5.6.2c & 5.6.4)

Moore, Matt. "Swedish Foreign Minister Dies of Injuries." *Orlando Sentinel*. Web. 11 Sept. 2003

Print Magazines (sections 5.4.6, 5.6.2c & 5.6.4)

Bamberger, Michael. "Dream Come True." *Sports Illustrated* 20 Dec. 1999: 46+. Print.

Klien, Gerald L. and Robert W. Ziering. "Allergies and Exercise." *The Saturday Evening Post* Mar. - Apr. 2000: 26+. Print.

Cohen, Sherry Suib. "The Moral Future of Our Children." *Parents* Feb. 2000: 86+. Print.

For magazine articles with no author, start the citation with the title of the article in quotes.

"Seeing is Believing." *Sports Illustrated* 20 Dec. 1999: 137. Print.

Online Magazines from Databases or Websites (sections 5.4.6, 5.6.2c & 5.6.4)

Cooper, Matthew. "Keeping His Eye on the Ball." *Time* 27 Dec. 1999: 128. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 23 Jan. 2000.

Plotz, David. "What You Think You Know About Sept. 11...But Don't." *Slate*. Web. 10 Sept. 2003.

Print Journals (24.3 stands for volume 24 issue 3 – see section 5.4.2)

Marek, Karen Dorman and Marilyn J. Rantz. "Aging in Place: A New Model for Long Term Care." *Nursing Administration Quarterly* 24.3 (2000): 1-11. Print.

Online Journals from Databases or Websites (section 5.4.2, 5.6.2c, 5.6.3 & 5.6.4)

Cargil, Oscar. "In Defense." *College English* 2.1 (1940): 65-67. *JSTOR*. Web. 5 Aug. 2006.

Klin, Ami, et al. "Autism in a 15-Month-Old Child." *American Journal of Psychiatry* 161.11 (2004): 1981-1988. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

Editorials or Letters to Editor (sections 5.4.5, 5.4.6, 5.4.9, 5.4.10 & 5.4.11)

When citing editorials, add the descriptive label **Editorial** (not italicized or in quotes) after the title of the editorial.

"Bill Cosby Live." Editorial. *Wall Street Journal*. 25 May 2004: A16. Print.

Barnard, Neal D. and Caroline Zweller. "To Show Your Charity, Serve Veggies." Editorial. *Daily Commercial* [Leesburg] 26 Apr. 2000: A13. Print.

Gergen, David. "A Question of Values." Editorial. *US News and World Report* 11 Feb. 2002: 72. Print.

When citing a letter to the editor, add the descriptive label **Letter** (not italicized or in quotes) after the name of the letter's author. To identify a published response to a letter add **Reply to the letter of [...]**, (not italicized or in quotes) after the author's name.

Katz, Catherine. Letter. *Orlando Sentinel* 25 May 2004: A8. Print.

Tedesco, S. Reply to the letter of Mary Ann Cogwin. *Reno Gazette-Journal* 11 Aug. 2003: A9. Print.

Book and Movie Reviews (section 5.4.7)

When citing a review, give the reviewer's name and the title of the review (if there is one); then write **Rev. of** (neither italicized nor enclosed in quotes) followed by the title of the work reviewed, a comma, the word **by**, and the author of the reviewed work. When citing a movie review, omit the word **by** after the title and replace with the director instead.

Book Review

Zelnick, Bob. "Inside Dope." Rev. of *Inventing Al Gore: A Biography*, by Bill Turque. *National Review* 17 Apr. 2000: 43-45. Print.

Movie Review

Rozen, Leah. "Screen." Rev. of *The Bone Collector*, dir. Phillip Noyce. *People* 15 Nov. 1999: 35. Print.

Movie Review on a Database (sections 5.4.7, 5.6.3, & 5.6.4)

Petrakis, John. "Chaotic Imagination." Rev. of *Atonement*, dir. Joe Wright. *Christian Century* 25 Dec. 2007: 33. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 18 Nov. 2008.

Website Examples

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Webpage." *Title of Website*. Date of last update (day month year). Sponsoring organization (if any). Web. Access date (day month year).

Many of the web pages you use in your research will be parts of larger websites. These sites are usually affiliated with larger entities such as scholarly, professional, charitable or advocacy organizations or government agencies.

Documents within a Website (section 5.6.2b)

"Surveillance Under the USA Patriot Act." *American Civil Liberties Union*. 3 Apr. 2003. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

"Manage Your Business from Start to Finish." *Small Business Administration*. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

"Woman Who Pleaded to Obama Still Struggling." *CNN.com*. 23 Apr. 2009. Web. 24 Apr. 2009.

"Environmental Health: How to Recycle Used Computers." *YouTube*. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

In some cases the webpage may be a part of an online project that is sponsored by an organization, government agency or association. List the sponsoring organization after the name of the website.

Kairis, Alexandra. "Pampinea." *Decameron Web*. Brown University. Web. 11 Sept. 2003.

Helms, Alan. "Whitman's 'Live Oak with Moss'." *The Whitman Archive: Criticism*. National Endowment for the Humanities. Web. 27 May 2004.

"The Empire State Building." *American Memory: Today in History*. 1 May 2004. Library of Congress. Web. 25 May 2004.

Although MLA Style no longer requires the URL for a website, adding the URL may be necessary if a simple web search does not get you back to the original website.

"Hellboy II DVD Review." *Monster SciFi Show Blog*. 19 Apr. 2009. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.
<<http://monsterscifishow.wordpress.com/2009/04/19/hellboy-ii-dvd-review/>>.

Obama, Barack H. "Remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast." *Compilation of Presidential Documents*. 5 Feb. 2009. Web. 22 Apr. 2009 <<http://fdsys.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/DCPD-200900060/pdf/DCPD-200900060.pdf>>.

Government Websites and Documents (section 5.6.2, 5.6.2c, and 5.5.20)

"What is the Peace Corps?" *Peace Corps*. 20 Sep. 2008. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

"Trauma and Shock Facts." *National Institute of General Medical Sciences*. July 2008. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

Government sites often post versions of their print publications online. Follow the guidelines for citing print government documents on page 4, and add the information about the electronic version.

United States. Dept. of Justice. Natl. Inst. of Justice. *Prosecuting Gangs: A National Assessment*. By Claire Johnson, Barbara Webster, and Edward Connors. Feb. 1995. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

Work on the web cited with print publication data (section 5.6.2c)

Turner, William. "Peter Abelard." *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. Vol. 1. New York: Robert Appleton, 1907. Web. 22 Apr. 2009.

Movie Review on a Website (sections 5.4.7, 5.6.3, & 5.6.4)

Conover, Sean. Rev. of *Shrek 2*, dirs. Andrew Adamson and Kelly Asbury. *JaxMovies.com*. 14 May 2004. Web. 26 May 2004.

Other Types of Publications (includes anthologies, encyclopedias, government publications, & pamphlets)

Government Publications (section 5.5.7, 5.5.15 & 5.5.20)

For federal or state government publications, cite the government agency that issued the publication, if no author is given. Cite the name of the government first (i.e. United States or Florida). Follow with the agency or agencies responsible for the publication. For congressional publications, use accepted abbreviations as listed in the *MLA Handbook*.

United States. Dept. of Agriculture. *Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. 5th ed. Washington: GPO, 2000. Print.

United States. Dept. of Agriculture. Food and Nutrition Service. "Making Nutrition Count for Children". *Nutrition Guidelines for Child Care Homes*. Washington: GPO, 2002. Print.

United States. Dept. of Commerce. Census Bureau. "No. 5. Immigration: 1901 to 2001." *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2003*. 123rd ed. Washington: GPO, 2003. Print.

If an author, compiler or editor is given, insert the word **By** or the correct abbreviation (**Comp.** or **Ed.**) after the title, then give the author's name.

United States. Dept. of the Army. Center of Military History. *Advice and Support: The Final Years*. By Jeffrey J. Clarke. Washington: GPO, 1988. Print. The U.S. Army in Vietnam.

Some government agencies issue dated fliers or newsletters, which may or may not list a publisher. List the date of the publication after the title.

United States. Dept. of Justice. Office of Justice Programs. "Correctional Populations in the United States." *Bureau of Justice Statistics Executive Summary*. April 1995. Washington: GPO, 1995. Print.

Pamphlet (section 5.5.19)

Reducing Indoor Air Pollution. Sacramento, CA: California Air Resources Board Research Division, 1994. Print.

Literary or Religious Works (section 6.4.8)

Citing passages from classic literature, plays or religious works usually requires a parenthetical reference mentioning the specific section used. In the works cited, follow normal guidelines for citing the work.

- For novels, give the page number and the chapter or section within the work so readers using other editions can find the citation [e.g. In *Pride and Prejudice*, after Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy reveal their real feelings for one another, Elizabeth cannot bear to have her own words repeated to her (Austen 452; ch.58).].
- In plays, omit the page numbers and cite the act, scene and line numbers with periods separating each. Use Arabic numerals unless the instructor tells you otherwise. The citation in the example refers to **act 5, scene 3, lines 85-86** of *Romeo and Juliet* [e.g. To Romeo, Juliet is beautiful even in death. When he finds her, he says, "...her beauty makes this vault a feasting presence full of light" (*Romeo and Juliet* 5.3.85-86).].
- For biblical passages, cite the abbreviated title of the book, the chapter and the verse separated by periods [e.g. After the three kings found the baby Jesus, they presented him with gifts (Matt.1.9-11).].
- For acceptable abbreviations of literary and religious works see section 7.7 of the *MLA Handbook*.

Audio-Visuals & Interviews Examples

Film or Video Recordings (section 5.7.3)

To cite a film seen in the cinema or an original broadcast, begin with the title and include the director, the distributor and the year of release. You may include other pertinent information – such as the names of the writer, performers, and producer – between the title and distributor. This is especially helpful whenever several versions of the film have been made.

Transformers. Dir. Michael Bay. Perf. Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox. Dreamworks, 2007. Film.

When your paper focuses on the contribution of an individual (e.g. an actor, director, etc.), begin with that person's name followed by the appropriate abbreviation (**dir.** for director; **perf.** for performer; **prod.** for producer; **adapt.** for writer, etc.).

To cite a videocassette, DVD, laser disc, slide program or filmstrip, include the original release date and the medium before the name of the distributor.

Transformers. Dir. Michael Bay. Perf. Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox. Dreamworks, 2007. Dreamworks Video, 2007. DVD.

Gibson, Mel, perf. *Hamlet*. Dir. Franco Zeffirelli. Warner Brothers, 1990. Videocassette. Warner Home Video, 1990.

Dune. Dir. David Lynch. Perf. Kyle MacLachlan, Jose Ferrer, Max Von Sydow, and Linda Hunt. 1984. DVD. Universal Home Video, 1998.

Interview (section 5.7.7)

To cite a television or radio interview, include the name of the person being interviewed, the name of the interviewer if known, and the name of the program (in italics). Also include the network name, the broadcast station, the station's city, and the date. For interviews conducted by the researcher, use the name of the person interviewed, the type of interview (**personal interview**, **telephone interview**, etc.), and the date the interview was conducted.

Payton, Gary. Interview with Bob Costas. *NBC Sports*. NBC. WESH, Orlando. Television. 22 Apr. 2000.

Mojock, Charles. Telephone Interview. 29 May 2003.

Sligh, Gary. Personal Interview. 30 Dec. 2007

Specific Database Examples

Academic Search Complete

Cooper, Matthew. "Keeping His Eye on the Ball." *Time* 27 Dec. 1999: 128. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 23 Jan. 2000.

America's Newspapers

Ungar, Laura. "Del. Study: Low-Carb, High-Fat Diet Works." *News Journal* [Wilmington, Delaware] 28 Nov. 2003: 1, 8A. *America's Newspapers*. Web. 6 Jan. 2004.

Book Index with Reviews

Ward, H. M. Rev. of *His Excellency George Washington*, by Joseph Ellis. *Choice* 1 July 2005. *Book Index with Reviews*. Web. 29 Aug. 2006.

The Cochrane Library

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