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No Author: Skip the author and start with the title

1 Author: Last Name, First Name. Example: Smith, John.

2 Authors: Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. Example: Smith, John, and Mary Fields.

3 Authors: Last Name, First Name, First Name Last Name, and First Name Last Name. Example: Smith, John, Bill Jones, and Ann Cox.

4+ Authors: Last Name, First Name of First Author, et al. Example: Smith, John, et al. Another option is to write out all the names.

Association or Company as Author: Write out in full and omit beginning articles (A, An, The) Example: American Cancer Society.
Books (print)

Important Information - Books

- Publishers: omit beginning articles (the, a, an), business abbreviations, and descriptive words (Co., Corp., Books, House, Press, etc). Abbreviate University Press as UP (ex: South Carolina UP or U of Arizona P). If publisher made up of people’s names, only use the last name of the first person. See MLA Handbook for common abbreviations (247-49).
- For reference works and anthologies, include name of editor if given (153-54,157).
- If book used is part of a multivolume set, include the volume # used (168).
- If no author given, begin entry with title of book or article (pg 132, 162)
- If no date given put: n.d.” (179).
- If no publisher given put: n.p. (179).
- If no pages given: n. pag. (179).
- If no place of publication given: n.p. (179).

Books with Author (148-49)

Author’s Last name, First name. Title of Book. EDITION ed. City of publication: Publisher, year. Print.

Edition information given:


No edition info given:


Book with an Editor Instead of an Author (153-54)

Editor's Last name, First name, ed. Title of Book. EDITION ed. City of publication: Publisher, year. Print.

Part of a Book: Chapter, Essay, Article, Poem, Story, etc. or Article from Reference Book (157-61; 89-90)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Essay, Chapter or Article." Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. Vol. #. City of publication: Publisher, year. page number(s). Print.

Note: Include page number(s) if entries are not in alphabetical order.


Note: If you are citing a play or a novel, italicize title instead of putting in quotation marks (157)


For an abbreviated way to cite entry from a well-known dictionary or encyclopedia, see pg. 160-61

Article Reprinted in a Book (Collection of Essays or Articles) (159-60)

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Essay or Article.” Name and publication information about book or journal where article was originally published. Rpt. in Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. Vol. #. City of Publication: Publisher, year. Page numbers. Print.

Reprinted Book Article:


Reprinted Journal Article:


Note: For information on how to cite an article from a journal, see the next section on Journal Articles (Paper).
**Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Articles (Print)**

For tips on referencing articles, see information in database section under “Articles”

### Journal Article (Paper) (136-41)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume number.issue number (year): page number(s). Print.


### Magazine or Newspaper Article (Paper) (141-48)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine or Newspaper* Day Month Year of article: page number(s). Print.


### Interviews

**Interview (201-02)**

Person's Last name, First name. Type of interview. Day month year of interview.


Note: Examples of types of interviews are “E-mail interview,” “Telephone interview” or “Personal interview.” See p. 201 for examples of published or broadcast interviews

### Videos

**Movie on DVD or VHS (197-98)**

_Name of Movie_. Dir. DIRECTOR’S NAME. Perf. NAME OF KEY PERFORMERS (if any). original year of release if given. Distributer, copyright date. Publication medium.


Note: Other mediums, such as “Videocassette,” can substitute for “DVD.”
Databases (Web)

- Information in this section is grouped by type of source (book, magazine or journal) being cited.
- Follow the format: Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” Name and publication information of book or periodical. Database Name. Web. Day Month Year of access.
- If no publication information is given go to “Articles from Library’s Reference Databases –Only Date Given.”

Books and Book Articles from Library’s Databases (Web)

**Important Information – Books**  Note: see beginning of handout for examples of # of authors.

- Publishers: omit beginning articles (the, a, an), business abbreviations, and descriptive words (Co., Corp., Books, House, Press, etc.). Abbreviate University Press as UP (ex: South Carolina UP or U of Arizona P). If publisher made up of people’s names, only use the last name of the first person. Common abbreviations on 248-49.
- For reference works and anthologies, include name of editor if given (153-54,157).
- If book used is part of a multivolume set, include the volume # used (168).
- If no author given, begin entry with title of book or article (pg 132, 162).
- If no date given, use: n.d. (179).
- If no publisher given: n.p. (179).
- If no pages given: n. pag. (179).
- If no place of publication given: n.p. (179).
- Abbreviate months except May, June, and July (pg. 143; 7.2).

**Book from Database (187-89)**

Author’s Last name, First name. *Title of Book*. EDITION ed. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. *Name of Database*. Web. Day Month Year of Access.

**Edition information given:**


**No edition info given:**


**Book Article from Database (reference book article or article from collection of essays, etc.) (187-89)**

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Book*. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. Vol. #. City of Publication: Publisher, year. page number(s). *Name of Database*. Web. Day Month Year of access.


Book Article from Book in a Series (MLA pp. 170-71; pp. 187-89)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. City of Publication: Publisher, year. Name of Series. Page number(s). Name of Database. Medium of Publication. Day Month Year of access.


Article Reprinted in a Book from a Database

Format (159-60; 192-93)

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Essay or Article.” Name and publication information about book or journal where article was originally published. Rpt. in Title of Book. Ed. EDITOR’S NAME. EDITION ed. Vol. #. City of Publication: Publisher, year. Page numbers. Database Name. Web. Day Month Year of access.

Example: Reprinted Book Article


Example: Reprinted Journal Article


Note: For information on how to cite an article from a journal or a book, see sections above.
Magazine, Newspaper, and Journal Articles from a Database

**Important Information – Articles**
- Periodicals: omit beginning articles of periodical titles (the, a, an) (139, 141).
- Abbreviate months except May, June and July (pg. 143, also 7.2).
- If not sure if periodical is journal or magazine – when in doubt include volume # (139).
- If article is not printed on consecutive pages, write only the first page number and a plus sign. Example: 53+; D7+.
- If newspaper is local publication, include city of publication in square brackets, not italicized, if not part of newspaper name: Independent Tribune [Concord] (141).
- If no pages given, use: n. pag. (179) **Note: see beginning of handout for examples of # of authors.**
- Abbreviate months except May, June, and July (pg. 143; 7.2).

**Journal Article from Library Database (192-93; 136-40)**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Volume number. Issue number (year): page number(s). *Database Name*. Web. Day Month Year of access.


**Magazine or Newspaper Article from Library Database (192-93, 187-89)**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine or Newspaper* Day Month Year of article: page number(s). *Database Name*. Web. Day Month Year of access.


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Articles from Library’s Reference Databases (Web) – Only Date Given

Format (185-86)

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Database. Publisher of Database, Day Month Year of article or database copyright date. Web. Day Month Year of access.

Note: the Publisher of the Database can be found by the © symbol near the bottom of the page

Examples, Alphabetically by Database Name:

Country Watch


CultureGrams


Encyclopedia Britannica


Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center


Funk and Wagnell’s New World Encyclopedia


Hoovers’ Online


Issues and Controversies


Today’s Science

Helpful Information - Websites
- If source is a journal, magazine, newspaper, or book article found on a website, cite exactly as database examples, but put name of website instead of database (187-89; 192).
- MLA asks for version or edition of the websites used; few websites have this information.
- If no date given, use “n.d.” (179).
- If no publisher or sponsor of website given, put “n.p.” (179).
- If no pages given, put “n. pag.” (179). -If no place of publication given, put “n.p.” (179).
- Only include URL “if reader probably cannot locate source without it or when your instructor requires it.” If possible, give complete address of the article you are citing. If address is extremely long then give address of site’s main page (182).

Website Article Found Only Online (no print publication information given) (184-87)

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Document.” Title of Internet Site. Publisher or Sponsor of site, Day Month Year of Source. Web. Day Month Year of access. <include URL/web address only if source cannot be located without it or if instructor requires it>.


Photo or Other Image on the web-no publication information given (200-01; 185-87)

Include the medium of composition (photograph, painting, etc.) after title (200-01; 185-87).


Note: Italicize titles of works of visual art

Entire Internet Site (184-87)

Author or editor of site. Title of Internet Site. Publisher or Sponsor of site, Day Month Year of Source. Publication medium. Day Month Year of access. <include URL/web address only if source cannot be located without it or if instructor requires it>. Note: if editor given, put “ed.” after name.

Online Videos/Movies (200-01; 185-87)


Video clip with no publication data given for video—just a title and possibly an author or performer

Name of author, director, editor, narrator, or performer. “Video Title (If video not titled use title above the video).” Video. Title of Website. Publisher of site, Day Month Year of Source. Web. Day Month year of access.


Publication data given. (i.e. distributor or production company given).

Name of Movie. Dir. DIRECTOR’S NAME. Perf. NAME OF KEY PERFORMERS (if any). original year of release if given. Distributer, copyright date. Name of Database or Website. Web. Day month year of access. <URL>.


Television Broadcast from Library Database or Internet or Streaming Service (189-90; 193-95)

“Title of Episode or Segment.” Title of the Program/Series. Name of Network if Given. Call letters/city of local station if given. Day Month Year of Broadcast. Title of Database or Website/Service. Web. Day Month Year of Access. <include URL/web address only if source cannot be found without it or instructor requires it>.
