MLA CITATIONS FOR WEB SOURCES

Checklist For Citing Web-Only Sources (MLA Handbook 5.6.2b)
Before you start, identify whether the item is available only on the Web or if it has a print counterpart—this distinction will affect the citation. For database sources, see page 4.

A Web-only publication usually contains most of the nine components below, in the following sequence. If you cannot find one of the items listed, skip to the next item in the checklist.

1. **Name of the author.** May also begin with compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator of the work. List authors/editors in the order in which they appear on the website.

2. **Title of the work.** *Italicized*, if the work is independent; in quotation marks, if the work is part of a larger work.

3. **Title of the overall website.** *Italicized*, if distinct from item 2.

4. **Version or edition.** Rarely 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 that you found this item online.

9. **<URL>.** Omit URL for citations from databases. For other Web sources, URLs should be used only if the reader could not locate the source without it or if your instructor requires it.

If you cannot find some of the above information, skip to next element in the checklist.

Each item is followed by a period except the publisher or sponsor, which is followed by a comma.

Examples of formatting:

For Web-only documents:
Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. “Title of the Work.” *Title of the Overall Website.* Version/Edition. Publisher/Sponsor, Date of publication. Medium of Publication [Web]. Date of Access.

For Web documents that originally appeared in print:
**Information about the original print document.** *Title of the Overall Website or Database.* Medium of Publication [Web]. Date of Access.

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Citation Examples of Web Sources
(including articles found in databases)

Works from the Free Web (in all Media) (MLA Handbook, 5.6.4)

Article from a website (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Article from an online scholarly journal (MLA Handbook, 5.6.3)

Article in an online magazine (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Article from a newspaper website (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Article in an online reference book (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Web page with author(s) or editor(s) (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)
NOTE: List authors/editors in the order in which they appear on the website.

Web page with no author (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Complete website (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)
NOTE: List authors/editors in the order in which they appear on the website.
Blog entry or comment (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Twitter post (use the tweet as the title (enough to serve as an identifiable title) and give the unique URL)

Online book/E-book (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2c)

Online sound recording (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Online video (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Online image (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Online map (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b)

Interview on the Web (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b and 5.7.7)

ePortfolio (MLA Handbook, 5.6.2b) (Treat as a web page or website)
Entire eportfolio:

One page of an eportfolio site:

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For Digital Files that exist independent of the Web, either downloaded or created offline (e.g., PDF files, MP3 files, JPEG files, Microsoft Word or PowerPoint files, etc.), see MLA Handbook 5.7.18.
**Works from Databases** (aka: Licensed Subscription Services) *(MLA Handbook, 5.6.4)*

**Article in a magazine or journal**


**NOTE:** List authors in the order in which they appear in the article.

**Article in a newspaper**


**Article from a single-title subscription database**


**Article from Opposing Viewpoints in Context**

**Article from JSTOR**

**E-book from a Library database**

**Chapter from an e-book anthology/collection**
Literary criticism


Map from *Social Explorer*


In the paper, explain the process of finding the map and data in *Social Explorer* (including the options and data sets selected), making it unnecessary to provide a map citation in the "Works Cited" list. Cite the *Social Explorer Professional* database as a whole:


Table/data from *Infoshare*

A basic table:


A complex area comparison table: