MLA—Works Cited

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General Guidelines and Tips

- **Your “Works Cited” Page:** Alphabetize the citations by the first author’s last name. If there is not an author for a citation, alphabetize it by the title’s first main word (for example: “N” in *The New Jerusalem Bible*).
- **For more help:** Go to the library’s guide about citing (http://libguides.wccnet.edu/cite). Use the Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) (http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01). Talk to a librarian at Bailey Library!

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**Books**

Last Name, First Name of Author. *The Book Title.* Publisher’s Name, year of publication.

**Book with one author**


**Book with multiple authors**

*Put the first author’s name as Last Name, First Name. The second author must be First Name Last Name.*


*With 3 or more authors, list only the first author’s name, followed by a comma and “et al.” For example: Cox, Deborah, et al.*

**Book with no author**


**Book with a corporate or institutional author**

*When the author is also the publisher, list the publisher’s name once in the publisher’s spot.*


**Book with a government or government agency author**


**Anthology or collection with editor(s)**


*For 2 or more editors, format their names as you would authors’ names. Make the word “editor” plural. For example: Paltridge, Brian, and Sue Starfield, editors.*

**Essay, poem, or story in an anthology or collection**

*Put the individual work’s author first. List the editor for the whole book after the book’s title.*

*Put the title of the individual work in quotation marks. Put the entire book’s title in italics.*

E-book
*See the “E-Articles and E-Books from Online Library Research Databases” section (p. 2 of this handout).

**Only one volume of a multi-volume work**
Last Name, First name of Author or Editor (note editor). Title of Work. Edition (if present), volume number, Name of Publisher, year of publication.


**Two or more volumes of a multi-volume work**
Last Name, First name of Author or Editor (note editor). Title of Work. Name of publisher, year of publication. Total number of volumes in work.


**Entry in an encyclopedia, dictionary, or reference book**
*Do not list the publisher.*

Last name, First name of the Entry’s Author (if present). “Title of the Entry.” Title of the Reference Work. Edition number (if present), year of edition.


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**Articles in Print Periodicals**

*For page numbers, use p. for an article on one page and pp. for an article on multiple pages.

*If an article is on consecutive pages, give the page numbers as a range. For example: pp. 53-56.
If the pages are not consecutive, put the page number followed by a plus sign. For example: pp. 53+.

*Abbreviate months that are longer than 4 letters.

**Magazine article**
Last name, First name of Author(s). “The Title of the Article.” Magazine Name, day (if present) Month year of publication, page(s).


**Journal article**
Last Name, First Name of Author(s). “Title of Article.” Journal Name, volume, issue number, year of publication, pages.


**Newspaper article**
Last Name, First Name of Author(s). “Title of Article.” Newspaper Name, day Month year of publication, Section letter Page number.


**Review of a book, film, or play**

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**E-Articles and E-Books from Online Library Research Databases**

**Magazine article from a library research database**
Last Name, First Name of Author(s). “The Title of the Article.” Magazine Name, volume, issue number (if present), day (if present) Month year of publication, pages (if present). Name of Database, URL or permalink.

Jurries, Amy. “Minimalist Shelters: Carry Less with These Weight-Saving Tents and Tarps.” Backpacker, Sept. 2016, pp. 52+. Academic OneFile, go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=AONE&sw=w&u=lom_washitenawcc&v=2.1&it=r&id=GALE%7CA460324723&asid=306aab89e808a12d590d594437fde7f0.


Journal article from a library research database

Last Name, First Name of Author(s). "The Title of the Article." Journal Name, volume, issue number, day Month year of publication, pages (if present). Name of Database, URL or DOI.


Newspaper article from a library research database

Last Name, First Name of Author(s). “The Title of Article.” Newspaper Name, day Month year of publication, pages (if present). Name of Database, URL or permalink.


E-books from library research databases

E-book

Work or essay in an edited e-book collection

Reference article in a reference e-book

Websites

*This is the general format for citing a website and page on a website. Include all available information.

Last name, First Name of Author or Editor. “The Title of the Web Page.” Name of Website. Publisher or Organization Responsible for the Website (if different from the website name), year or date of publication, URL, DOI, or permalink.

*Format authors and editors the same as books. One or 2 authors must be spelled out, and 3+ authors must be abbreviated after the first one by et al.

*Include the URL. Remove http:// and https:// from the URL.

Entire website


Page or article on a website


Blogs and Social Media

Entire blog

Farkas, Meredith. Information Wants to Be Free, 2004, meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/.

Post on a blog

*Treat a blog post like a page on a website.

Farkas, Meredith. “Choose Your Own Professional Involvement Adventure.” Information Wants to Be Free, 6 Sept. 2016, meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/2016/09/06/choose-your-own-professional-involvement-adventure/.
Article in an online-only journal

Last name, First Name of Author(s). “The Title of the Article.” Journal Name, volume, issue number, Month or Season, URL or DOI.


Article in an online magazine or newspaper

Last name, First Name of Author(s). “The Title of the Article.” Web Magazine or Newspaper Name, Publisher or Organization Responsible for the Website, date of publication, URL or DOI.


Email

Last name, First name of Writer. “Subject line.” Received by Recipient Name. Day Month year.