

MLA Works Cited

Changes from 6th to 7th edition



First Update to MLA Style in 6 years!

Highlights

- No underlining--use *italics* instead.
- No URLs required for web-based sources (should include title of database or website and date accessed).
- Each source must have a “medium of publication” listed (ex. Print, Web, CD, Film etc.).
- Journal articles cited must have volume AND issue number, along with page numbers—even *if* continuous pagination used.
- New abbreviations are available for no publisher (N.p.); n.d. for no date; and n. pag. for sources without pagination.

General Works Cited Format Remains Unchanged

- New page at end of paper
- Page number continues
- Center Title “Works Cited”
one inch from top
- Double-spaced, hanging
indents of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch
- Arrange alphabetically
letter by letter using
author’s last name
- Where 2 or more works by
one author use three
hyphens

Rule 5.5 Nonperiodical Print Publications in the Works Cited

- A book by a single author (5.5.2)

New Style:

Ackerman, Diane. *The Zookeeper's Wife*. New York: Norton, 2007. Print.

THIS CITATION REVEALS 2 NEW MLA FORMATTING CHANGES

Italicize the names of books, plays, poems published as books, pamphlets, periodicals, Web sites, online databases, films, television and radio broadcasts, compact discs, audiocassettes, record albums, dance performances, operas and long musical compositions (3.6.2).

MLA Handbook does not contain an official list or their wording for the “medium of publication.” Rather, it is stated in the separate rules throughout the handbook. One online author has compiled a nice list at

<http://www.luzzo.com/list-of-mla-medium-of-publication-types/>

Old MLA Style:

Ackerman, Diane. The Zookeeper's Wife. New York: Norton, 2007.

Note: All citations used in this presentation are from the handout Palomar College Library MLA Citation Examples (copies of which are available in the library and online at

<http://www.palomar.edu/library/ResearchAids/HowTo/MLA.pdf>

Other Examples of Nonperiodical Print Publications (most commonly used)

- A book by 2 or 3 authors (5.5.4)

Homan, Lynn M., and Thomas Reilly. *Black Knights: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen*. Gretna: Pelican, 2001. Print.

- An edited book (5.5.4)

Cowans, Jon, ed. *Modern Spain: A Documentary History*. Philadelphia: U of Pennsylvania P, 2003. Print.

- An unsigned article from an encyclopedia (5.5.7)

“Alaska Highway.” *Encyclopedia Americana*. 2006 ed. Print.

- Encyclopedia article with an author (5.5.7)

Carrasco, Gilbert P. “Bracero Program.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*. Ed. Suzanne Oboler and Deena J. Gonzalez. Vol. 1. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2005. Print.

Periodical Print Publications

Rule 5.4

- Article in a Scholarly Journal (5.4.2)

Lucero, Lisa J. “The Collapse of the Classic Maya: A Case for the Role of Water Control.” *American Anthropologist* 104.3 (2002): 814-26. Print.

This citation show 3 new rule changes. Italicize the name of the journal, provide volume and issue number no matter how the journal is paginated, and also list the medium of publication (in this case, print). Add a period and the issue number directly after the volume number (5.4.2).

Rule 5.6 Citing Web Publications- Changes

- Date of access of anything published on the web is still required (5.6.1).
- URLs are no longer required as they are ever changing, hard to type, and web information is very reliably found using most standard search engines in use today. Include the URL only if your instructor requires it or the reader will need it to find the information. If you include the URL use the angle brackets as was done under the old rules.
- MLA has 3 types of rules for Web Publications:
 1. Nonperiodical publications 5.6.2
 2. Works in Scholarly journals 5.6.3
 3. Works from periodical collections compiled in an online database 5.6.4

Magazine Article from Online Database

- Example of magazine article from online database (5.6.4)

New Style: Barrera, Rebeca Maria. "A Case for Bilingual Education."
Scholastic Parent and Child 12.3 (2004): 72-73. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 1 Feb. 2008.

Old Style: Barrera, Rebeca Maria. "A Case for Bilingual Education."
Scholastic Parent and Child 12.3 (2004): 72-73. *Academic Search Premier*. Palomar College Lib., San Marcos, CA. 1 Feb. 2008
<<http://prozy.palomar.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=15139822&site=ehost-live&scope=site>>.

Examples of Web Publications

- Journal Article from Online Database

Reuss, Richard A. “Woody Guthrie and His Folk Tradition.” *The Journal of American Folklore* 83.239 (1970): 273-303. JSTOR. Web. 4 April 2009.

- Newspaper from Online Database

Mihailovich, Steven. “Pearl Harbor Vet, Palomar Work to Preserve Survivor’s Stories.” *San Diego Union-Tribune* 3 May 2008: NC8. ProQuest. Web. 10 April 2009.

Scholarly Journals Published only on the Web (5.6.3)

- These are the journals that exist only on the Internet. You cite them just as other journals, except the medium of publication is Web.

Example:

Exner, Deinera, and Wilfred E. Thurston. “Understanding ‘Passion Killings’ in Botswana: An Investigation of Media Framing.” *Journal of International Women’s Studies* 10.4 (2009): n. pag. Web. 20 Oct. 2010.

Note: Use n. pag. when the periodical paginates each article rather than running page numbers over the entire issue.

Nonperiodicals 5.6.2

Name of Author
Title of Work
Title of Website
Version or edition
Publisher or Sponsor
(N.p. –if none)
Date of Publication
(n.d. –if none)
Medium of Publication
Date of Access



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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a CNN World article. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/10/20/spain.cabinet.shuffle/index.html?hpt=hb>. The page features the CNN World logo and navigation tabs for Home, Video, NewsPulse, U.S., World, Politics, Justice, Entertainment, Tech, Health, Living, Travel, Opinion, iReport, Money, and Sports. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation is a banner advertisement for AccuQuote life insurance. The main article is titled "Embattled Zapatero shuffles Spanish cabinet" and is attributed to Al Goodman, CNN Madrid Bureau Chief, dated October 20, 2010. The article includes a photo of Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and a summary of his cabinet shuffle. To the right of the article is a sidebar with a "NewsPulse" section and a "Facebook stops showing you photos of your ex" link. At the bottom of the page, there is a "NewsPulse" section and a "Facebook stops showing you photos of your ex" link. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including "Embattled Zapatero s..." and "Microsoft PowerPoint...".

Goodman, Al. "Embattled Zapatero Shuffles Spanish Cabinet." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 20 Oct. 2010. Web. 20 Oct. 2010.

Other Web Publications

- Work on Web Cited with Print Publication Data

These are works that are online, but scanned in, such as a Google Book. You cite them as a print work, but add the title of database or Web site, Medium of Publication, and date of access.

Example:

James, Henry. *The Portrait of a Lady*. London, 1883. *Google Book Search*. Web. 20 Oct. 2010.

How to Create the Works Cited

There are many free utilities and/or software programs to assist anyone in preparing a Works Cited in MLA format.

Some to try are:

- Microsoft Word (Templates and Creating References)
- Online Databases (Citation tools)
- Easy Bib
- KnightCite or Son of Citation Machine
- Zotero (Firefox Extension)