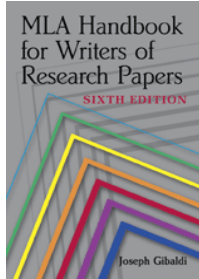


How to Document Sources in MLA Style



The Modern Language Association (MLA) Style is widely used for identifying research sources. In MLA style you briefly credit sources with *Parenthetical References* in the text of your paper, and give the complete description of each source used in your paper in the list of *Works Cited*.

This guide is based on the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed., by Joseph Gibaldi (Ref LB2369 .G53 2003). The numbers in [] refer to the appropriate chapters in the Handbook.

I. PARENTHETICAL REFERENCES IN THE TEXT

In most cases, the *Parenthetical References* include the **author's last name** and the specific **page number** for the information cited [6.1].

For example:

In the text of paper:

Medieval Europe was a place both of “raids, pillages, slavery, and extortion” and of “traveling merchants, monetary exchange, towns if not cities, and active markets in grain” (Townsend 10).

In Works Cited list:

Townsend, Robert M. The Medieval Village Economy. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1993.

Author's Name in Text [6.4.2]

- When the author's name is in your text, give only the page number.

Magny develops this argument (67-69).

Author's Name in Parenthetical Reference [6.4.2]

- When the author's name is not in your text, add the author's last name in parentheses.

This argument has been developed (Magny 67-69).

No Author's Name [6.4.4]

- If no author's name is given, abbreviate the title and add the page number.
- Page 33 of the book Other Pole of Human Mind is cited as: (Other Pole 33)

Two or More Authors [6.2]

- If the source has two or three authors, include all last names.

(Gibson and Stabler 727)

(Sumner, Reichl, and Waugh 23).

- If the source has more than three authors, include the first author, followed by et al.
(Leikin et al. 67)

Corporate Author [6.2]

- Use the same format, but include the corporate body.
(Modern Language Association, 77)

More Than One Work by the Same Author [6.4.6]

- Abbreviate the title. For example, if you use two sources by Shakespeare, Comedy of Errors and Ages of Man, then you will include the following:
(Shakespeare, Comedy 54)
(Shakespeare, Ages 25)
- If you state the author's name in the text, give only the title and page number in parentheses:
(Comedy 54)

Multivolume Works [6.4.3]

- When citing a volume number and a page reference, separate the two by a colon and a space. Omit the words *volume* and *page* or their abbreviations.
(Henderson 3: 52)
(Wellek 2: 1-10)
- When referring to an entire volume, use only volume number. Place a comma after the author's name and include the abbreviation "vol."
(Henderson, vol. 3)
- In text reference to an entire volume:
In volume 3, Henderson suggests ...

More Than One Work in Parenthetical Reference [6.4.9]

- Cite each work as you would in a reference and use semicolons to separate the citations.
This controversy has been addressed more than once (Dabundo 27; Magny 69).

Electronic and Online Sources [6.4.2]

- Cite them just like print sources. If an online source lacks numbering, omit numbers. If a source includes fixed page numbers or section numbering, such as numbering paragraphs (pars.), screens (screens) or chapters (ch.), cite the relevant numbers.

The semiconductor workplace is highly toxic (Ross, par. 35).

Beethoven has been called the "first politically motivated composer," for her was "caught up in the whole ferment of ideas that came out of the French Revolution" (Gardiner, screens 2-3).

"Once we start using a tool extensively, it also starts using us" (Rawlins, ch. 1, sec. 1).

II. PREPARING THE LIST OF WORKS CITED

Works Cited items are listed at the end of the research paper, arranged alphabetically by author's last name, or when there is no author, by the first word of the title (except *A*, *An* or *The*).

BOOKS [5.6]

Author. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

- This is the basic format for a book.
- The author's name should be written: Last Name, First Name.
- In a title or a subtitle, capitalize the first word, the last word, and all principal words, including those that follow hyphens in compound terms: The Madwoman in the Attic: The Woman Writer and the Nineteenth-Century Literary Imagination.
- Shorten the publisher's name, following the guidelines in [7.5] of the Handbook. · Omit articles (*A*, *An*, *The*), business abbreviations (*Co.*, *Corp.*, *Inc.*, *Ltd.*), and *Books*, *House*, *Press*, *Publishers*. · Use "UP" for university press, e.g., Ohio State UP. · If the publisher's name includes the name of one person (*Harry N. Abrams*), cite the last name alone (*Abrams*). · If the publisher's name is commonly abbreviated with capital initial letters, use the abbreviation as the publisher's name: MLA (for *Modern Language Association*).

One Author [5.6.1]

Volti, Rudi. Cars and Culture: The Life Story of a Technology. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 2006.

One Editor or Compiler [5.6.2]

- If the person named on the title page is the editor or compiler, rather than the author, add a comma then the abbreviation "ed." or "comp."

McCaffrey, Paul, ed. Global Climate Change. Bronx: Wilson, 2006.

Brumley, Rebecca, comp. The Reference Librarian's Policies, Forms, Guidelines, and Procedures Handbook with CD-ROM. New York: Neal, 2006.

Two or More Authors [5.6.4]

- List the names in the order they appear on the title page.
- Only the first author's name should be reversed: Last Name, First Name.
- Use a comma between the authors' names. Place a period after the last author's name.

Glazer, Evan, and John W. McConnell. Real-Life Math: Everyday Use of Mathematical Concepts. Westport: Greenwood, 2002.

Tilstone, William J., Kathleen A. Savage, and Leigh A. Clark. Forensic Science: An Encyclopedia of History, Methods, and Techniques. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2006.

More than Three Authors [5.6.4]

- If there are more than three authors, name only the first and add et al., or give all the names.
Jonassen, David H., et al. Learning to Solve Problems with Technology: A Constructivist Perspective. 2nd ed. Upper Saddle River: Merrill, 2003.

Or

Jonassen, David H., Jane Howland, Joi Moore, and Rose M. Marra. Learning to Solve Problems with Technology: A Constructivist Perspective. 2nd ed. Upper Saddle River: Merrill, 2003.

Editors or Compilers [5.6.4]

- If there are two or more editors or compilers, add a comma after the final name, then the abbreviation “eds.” or “comps.”

McCaffrey, Paul, and Lynn M. Messina, eds. The United States Supreme Court. Bronx: Wilson, 2005.

Tachihata, Chieko, and Agnes Conrad, comps. The Written Record of Hawai'i's Women: An Annotated Guide to Sources of Information in Hawai'i. 2nd ed. Honolulu: Foundation for Hawaii Women's History, 2001.

Second or Other Edition [5.6.14]

Author. <u>Title of Book</u> . Edition. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

- If an edition is given, specify it by number (2nd ed.), name (Rev. ed.) or year (2004 ed.).
Castro, Peter, and Michael E. Huber. Marine Biology. 4th ed. Boston: McGraw, 2003.

Corporate Author [5.6.6]

- Cite a book by corporate author when a group – such as an organization or association – rather than individual persons, is the author.

American Automobile Association. North American Road Atlas: Coverage for United States, Canada, Mexico. 2005 ed. Heathrow: American Automobile Association, 2005.

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Growing Plants for Hawaiian Lei. Honolulu: Coll. of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa, 2002.

Government Agency as Author [5.6.21]

- Give the name of the government first, then the name of the agency.

Hawaii. Office of the Auditor. Follow-up Audit of the Child Protective Services System. Honolulu: State of Hawaii, 2003.

Two or More Works by the Same Author [5.6.3]

- When citing two or more sources by the same author, give the name in the first entry only. For the next entries, type three hyphens, add a period, and skip a space (---.) then give the title. The three hyphens stand for the name(s) in the preceding entry.

Scott, Susan. Exploring Hanauma Bay. Honolulu: U of Hawaii P, 1993.

---. Plants and Animals of Hawaii. Honolulu: Bess, 1991.

ESSAY, POEM, or SHORT STORY in an ANTHOLOGY [5.6.7]

Author of Story. "Title of Story." Title of Book. Name of Editor. Edition (if given). City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page(s).

Purcell, Arthur H. "Better Waste Management Strategies Are Needed to Avert a Garbage Crisis." Garbage and Recycling: Opposing Viewpoints. Ed. Helen Cothran. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2003. 20-27.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS and REFERENCE BOOKS [5.6.8]

Author of Article (if given). "Article Title." Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

- When citing familiar reference books, especially those that often appear in new editions, full publication information is not necessary.
- Give the edition (if available) and the year of publication.
- If articles are arranged alphabetically, volume and page numbers are not necessary.

Lesko, Leonard H. "Pyramids." The World Book Encyclopedia. 2006.

- When citing less familiar reference books, give full publication information. Give the number of volumes for multi-volume sets.

Smith, Murray. "Philosophy of Film." Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Ed. Donald M. Borchert. 2nd ed. 10 vols. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES [5.7.6]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s).

- Abbreviate the months (except May, June, July). Give complete dates for magazines issued every week or every two weeks, written in this order: Day Month Year, e.g., 15 Jan. 2000.
- If the article is on consecutive pages, specify the page numbers of the entire article, e.g., 16-20. Give just the last two digits of the second number, when possible, e.g., 188-89, but 196-200.

- If the article is not on consecutive pages – if, for example, it begins on page 27, then skips to page 30, and continues on page 32 – write only the first page number, followed by a plus sign: 27+
- Do not give volume and issue numbers for magazine articles.

Paul, Pamela. "Rethinking First Foods." Time 12 June 2006: 58-59.

Zammett, Ern. "Battling Cancer While the World Watches." Glamour Nov. 2006: 118+.

No Author Given [5.7.9]

- If no author's name is given, begin with the title of the article.
- "Five Years after 9/11: A Little Safer, No Surer." Aviation Week and Space Technology 11 Sept. 2006: 66.

SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLES

Journal with Continuous Pagination through the Volume [5.7.1]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s).

Sultan, Mohamed A. "Fire Resistance Furnace Temperature Measurements: Plate Thermometers vs Shielded Thermocouples." Fire Technology 42 (2006): 253-267.

Journal with Issues Paged Separately [5.7.2]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number. Issue number (Year): Page(s).

- Give both the volume and issue numbers, separated by a period, e.g., volume 12, no. 8 = 12.8
- Shore, Rebecca, and Janis Strasser. "Music for Their Minds." Young Children 61.2 (2006): 62-67.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES [5.7.5]

Author. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper Date, edition: Page(s).

- Take the name of the newspaper from the masthead, but omit any introductory article: *Honolulu Advertiser*, not *The Honolulu Advertiser*.
- If the city of publication is not part of the newspaper's name, add it in square brackets: *News and Observer* [Raleigh, NC]
- Give the complete date, but not the volume and issue numbers.
- Specify the edition of the newspaper, if one is given on the masthead.
- If the article is not on consecutive pages, write the first page number and a plus sign: B1+.

Nakaso, Dan. "Hawaii Rattles, Then Loses Power." Honolulu Advertiser 16 Oct. 2006: A1+.

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES [5.9.7]

Honolulu Community College (HCC) Library subscribes to databases of full-text articles on the Web. *Works Cited* entries for these articles should include information about the original print publication (see above), and information about the online subscription service.

InfoTrac (Thomson Gale)

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s). Name of Database. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

Hontz, Jenny. "Webisodes: A Battle against the Empire." Newsweek 23 Oct. 2006: 9. General Reference Center. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 26 Oct. 2006 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

Journal

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s). Name of Database. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

Pyles, Loretta. "Toward Safety for Low-income Battered Women: Promoting Economic Justice Strategies." Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services 87 (2006): 63-70. InfoTrac OneFile. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 20 Oct. 2006 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER (from Thomson Gale)

Book

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Book. Editor (if given). City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page(s). Literature Resource Center. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

- If a book has both an author and an editor, place the editor's name after title of book. Add "Ed.", and followed by name of editor: Ed. Jackson R. Bryer.

Shippey, T. A. "The Lord of the Rings (3): The Mythic Dimension." J. R. R. Tolkien: Author of the Century. Boston: Houghton, 2001. 161-225. Literature Resource Center. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 26 Oct. 2006 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

Journal

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s). Literature Resource Center. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

Abromaitis, C. N. Sue. "The Distant Mirror of Middle-Earth: The Sacramental Vision of J. R. R. Tolkien." Touchstone 15 (2002): 33-9. Literature Resource Center. Thomson Gale. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 26 Oct. 2006 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

EBSCOhost

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s). Name of Database. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Rozen, Leah. "Man of the Year." People 23 Oct. 2006: 33. MasterFILE Premier. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 26 Oct. 2006 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Journal

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s). Name of Database. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Ta, Lynn M. "Hurt So Good: Fight Club, Masculine Violence, and the Crisis of Capitalism." Journal of American Culture 29 (2006): 265-77. Academic Search Premier. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 26 Oct. 2006 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

SIRS Knowledge Source

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s). Name of Database. SIRS Knowledge Source. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://sks.sirs.com/>>.

Finnegan, William. "Watching the Waterfront." New Yorker 19 June 2006: 52-63. SIRS Researcher. SIRS Knowledge Source. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 27 Oct. 2006 <<http://sks.sirs.com/>>.

Newspaper

Author. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper Date: Page(s). Name of Database. SIRS Knowledge Source. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://sks.sirs.com/>>.

Eichenwald, Kurt. "Dark Corners: From Their Own Online World, Pedophiles Extend Their Reach." New York Times 21 Aug. 2006: A1+. SIRS Researcher. SIRS Knowledge Source. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 27 Oct. 2006 <<http://sks.sirs.com/>>.

WEB SITES

Complete publication information may not be available for a Web site; provide what is given.

Entire Internet Site: Scholarly Project or Professional Site [5.9.2]

Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online. 2006. Encyclopedia Britannica. 26 Oct. 2006 <<http://www.britannica.com/>>.

Document from a Web Site [5.9.1]

Author. "Title of Web Page." Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

Sherman, Chris. "Google Launches Custom Search Engine Service." SearchEngineWatch. Ed. Danny Sullivan. 24 Oct. 2006. Incisive Interactive Marketing LLC. 27 Oct. 2006 <<http://searchenginewatch.com/showPage.html?page=3623765>>.

ARTICLES IN ONLINE PERIODICALS [5.9.4]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Publication Date: Page(s) or Section(s), if numbered. Date of Access <URL>.

Green, Joshua. "Do Polls Still Work?" Atlantic Online Nov. 2006. 27 Oct. 2006. <<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/prem/200611/green-polling>>.

Bernardo, Rosemarie. "Lingle Fighting End to Oversight of Kukui Gardens." Star-Bulletin.com 27 Oct. 2006. 27 Oct. 2006 <<http://starbulletin.com/2006/10/27/news/story07.html>>.

VIDEO RECORDINGS [5.8.3]

Title. Director, Producer, and/or Writer. Medium. Distributor, Year.

Ancient Egyptians. Dir. Tony Mitchell. Writ. and prod. Ben Goold. DVD. Warner Home Video, 2004.

TELEVISION OR RADIO PROGRAM [5.8.1]

“Title of Episode or Segment.” Title of Program or Series. Name of Network. Call Letters (if any), City of Local Station (if any). Broadcast Date.

“Magnetic Storm.” Narr. Geno Golusha. Nova. PBS. KHET, Honolulu. 24 Oct. 2006.

“The Ethics of Medical Research on Children.” All Things Considered. Natl. Public Radio. KHPR, Honolulu. 31 Oct. 2006.

INTERVIEWS [5.8.7]

Interview Conducted by the Researcher

Person Interviewed. Type of Interview (personal, telephone, email, etc.). Date.

Smith, John. Personal interview. 27 Oct. 2006.

Broadcast Interview

- Add information for the television or radio broadcast.
McGreevey, James. Interview with Larry King. Larry King Live. CNN. 27 Oct. 2006.