WCCC Library: MLA Citation Format Guide

NOTE: This is an abbreviated style guide, based on the most frequently used types of research source material. A more detailed explanation of source documentation can be found in the MLA Handbook, available on Reserve at the circulation desk in the library.

Remember:

1. The Works Cited list must be on a separate page from the text of your paper (use page break in Word).
2. Alphabetize all types of sources in one list by the author’s last name or first word of the citation (other than the, a, or an).
3. Double space the Works Cited page and use a hanging indent for all entries.
4. Include the URL for electronic sources, but do not include the http:// part of the URL, and remove the hyperlink.
5. For in-text citations, if an author is not given use the first item that is listed on your Works Cited entry (e.g. book title, article title, web page title).
6. For in-text citations, place the parenthetical citation at the end of the sentence(s) where the source is used. Place the sentence’s end punctuation after the final parenthesis.

CENGAGE DIGITAL RESOURCES

Note: If you are using the physical book and not an online version of the book, please see pages 7-9 of this guide for how to cite your textbook.

Computer-Based Access

Book by One Author

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. Title of Book. Edition (if any), Publisher, Date.

Platform, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Spielvogel ch. 1).


**Book by Two Authors**

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of first author, First name of first author, and first and last name of second author.

*Title of Book.* Edition (if any), Publisher, Date. *Platform,* URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Authors’ Last Names chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Kenney and Cohen ch. 5).

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**Book by Three or More Authors**

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of first author, First name of first author, et al. *Title of Book.* Edition (if any),

Publisher, Date. *Platform,* URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Last Name of First Author et al. chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Montoya et al. ch. 3).
Anthology or Edited Book*

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name, First name, editor. Title of Book. Edition (if any), Publisher, Date. Platform, URL.

Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Editor’s or Editors’ Last Name(s) chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Trimmer ch. 3).

* Sometimes the edition may include a qualifier, such as shorter edition or portable edition. When citing an anthology itself, you should include the qualifier before the edition number. For example: Portable 9th ed.

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Work In an Anthology

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of the Part of the Book Being Cited.” Title of

Anthology. Edited by First and Last Names, edition (if any), Publisher, Date, Chapter.

Platform, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:

Angelou, Maya. “My Name is Margaret.” The River Reader. Edited by Joseph F. Trimmer, 12th

  ed., Cengage Learning, 2017, ch. 1. MindTap,


In-Text Citation Example: (Angelou ch. 1).
Two or More Selections from the Same Anthology

When citing more than one selection from the same anthology, a) cite the anthology in full and b) cite, or cross-reference, the individual sections you are using. Use the citation format for the Anthology or Edited Book, above, as well as the following citation format for the individual sections that you are referencing.

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of the Part of the Book Being Cited.” Last name of editor(s), Chapter. Platform, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Sedaris ch. 1).

Phone/Tablet App.-Based Access (Cengage Mobile)

Book by One Author

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. Title of Book. Edition (if any), Publisher, Date. Platform. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Spielvogel ch. 1).
Book by Two Authors

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of first author, First name of first author, and first and last name of second author. 

Title of Book. Edition (if any), Publisher, Date. Platform. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Authors’ Last Names chapter number).

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Publisher, Date. Platform. Accessed Date.

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Accessed Date.

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* Sometimes the edition may include a qualifier, such as *shorter edition* or *portable edition*. When citing an anthology itself, you should include the qualifier before the edition number. For example: Portable 9th ed.

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Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of the Part of the Book Being Cited.” *Title of Anthology*. Edited by First and Last Names, edition (if any), Publisher, Date, Chapter. *Platform*. Accessed Date.

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Works Cited Entry Example:


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In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name chapter number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Sedaris ch. 1).
PRINT SOURCES

Book by One Author

Works Cited Entry Format:
Last name of author, First name of author. Title of Book. Edition (if any), Publisher, Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:
In-Text Citation Example: (Spielvogel 35).

Book by Two Authors

Works Cited Entry Format:
Last name of first author, First name of first author, and first and last name of other author. Title of Book. Edition (if any), Publisher, Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Authors’ Last Names Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:
In-Text Citation Example: (Kennedy and Cohen 59).

Book by Three or More Authors

Works Cited Entry Format:
Last name of first author, First name of first author, et al. Title of Book. Edition (if any), Publisher, Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Last Name of First Author et al. Page Number).
Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (Montoya et al. 59).

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**Anthology or Edited Book***

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Last name, First name, editor. *Title of Book*. Edition (if any). Publisher, Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Editor’s or Editors’ Last Name(s) Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (Kirszenr and Mandell 851).

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**Work In an Anthology**

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In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (Gilman 441).
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Works Cited Entry Format:
Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of the Part of the Book Being Cited.” Last name of editor(s), Page number(s) of work being cited.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (Boyle 429).

Book with a Corporate Author

NOTE: Omit any initial article in front of the corporate author’s name, e.g. A, An, or The.

Works Cited Entry Format:
Name of corporate author. Title of Book. Publisher, Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Name of corporate author Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (National Research Council 54).

Magazine Article

Works Cited Entry Format:
Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of Article.” Title of Magazine, Date, Page(s).

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number).
Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (Sullivan 6).

Newspaper Article

Works Cited Entry Format:
Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of Article.” Title of Newspaper, Date, Page(s).

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (Wilford C1).

Journal Article

Works Cited Entry Format:
Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of Article.” Title of Journal, Volume number, Issue number, Date, Page(s).

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example: (Moore 103).
ONLINE SOURCES

Journal Article from a WCCC Subscription Database
(Database section of Library homepage)

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of Article.” Title of Journal, Volume number, Issue number, Date, Page(s). Name of Database, DOI or URL. Accessed Date.

NOTE: When using the online databases, use the Permalink URL.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number (if available)).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Whipple and McManamon 87).

NOTE: If there are more than two authors, list the first author’s name followed by “et al.” to indicate that there are more authors: (Saunders et al.)

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Millea et al. 310).
Previously Published Scholarly Article – Bloom’s Literature and MasterPlots
(Database section of Library homepage)

NOTE: The MLA citations given at the bottom of articles in Bloom’s Literature and MasterPlots are NOT correct! This is what they should look like:

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of Article.” Title of Original Publication, edited by First Name Last Name (if any), Volume number of original publication (if available), Publisher, Date, pages (if available). Name of Database, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number (if available)).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Sova).

Website – Entire Website with an Author’s/Contributor’s Name

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last Name, First Name, role. Title of the Site. Publisher, Date, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Zalta).
Website – **Entire Website with No Author’s/Contributor’s Name**

Works Cited Entry Format:

*Title of the Site.* Publisher, Date, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: *(Title of the Site).*

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: *(BigCharts).*

Website – **Specific Page of a Website**

Works Cited Entry Format:

Author’s Last Name, First Name (if any). “Title of Page.” *Title of Site,* Publisher, Date, URL.

Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: *(Author’s Last Name or “Title of Page”).*

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: *(Yang).*

Website – **Journal Article**

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of the Article.” *Name of Journal,* Volume number, Issue number, Date, Pages (if any), URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name Page Number (if available)).
Works Cited Entry Example:

Volken, Thomas. “Elements of Trust: The Cultural Dimension of Internet Diffusion Revisited.”

    The Electronic Journal of Sociology, vol. 6, no. 4, Oct. 2002,


In-Text Citation Example: (Volken).
AUDI0, VISUAL, AND OTHER SOURCES

Art – From a Book

Works Cited Entry Format:

Artist’s Last Name, First Name. Title of Artwork. Year created. Title of Book, by First and Last Name(s) of Author(s), Publisher, Date, Page.

In-Text Citation Format: (Artist’s Last Name Page Number).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Van Gogh 508).

Art – From a Webpage

Works Cited Entry Format:

Artist’s Last Name, First Name. Title of Artwork. Year created. Name of Site, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Artist’s Last Name).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Warhol).
**Picture/Photo Online -- General**

Works Cited Entry Format:

Artist’s Last Name, First Name (if any). “Title of the Picture.” *Title of the Site*, Date, URL.

Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name or “Title of the Picture”).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Funelf).

**NOTE:** If you use images from Google, you need to visit the original site where the picture is to find the site name and NOT cite Google itself.

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**VIDEO**

**DVD**

Works Cited Entry Format:

*Title of the Film*. Role by First and Last Names, Production Studio, Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (*Title of the Film*).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (*A Clockwork Orange*).

**Streaming Film**

Works Cited Entry Format:

*Title of the Film*. Role by First and Last Names, Production Studio, Date. *Streaming Service*, URL. Accessed Date.

In-Text Citation Format: (*Title of the Film*).
Works Cited Entry Example:


**In-Text Citation Example:** (*West of Memphis*).

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**Online Video (YouTube, etc.)**

Works Cited Entry Format:

Author’s Last Name, First Name (if any). “Title of Video.” *Name of Host Site*, uploaded by Uploader (if different from the author), Date, URL. Accessed Date.

**In-Text Citation Format:** (Author’s Last Name or “Title of Video”).

Works Cited Entry Example:


**In-Text Citation Example:** (Hall).

Works Cited Entry Example:


**In-Text Citation Example:** (The Game Theorists).

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**PODCAST**

Works Cited Entry Format:

Last Name, First Name, role. “Title of the Episode.” *Title of Program*, season, episode, Sponsor, Date, URL. Accessed Date.

**In-Text Citation Format:** (Last Name).
Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Koenig).

AN INTERVIEW YOU CONDUCTED

Works Cited Entry Format:

Subject’s Last Name, First Name. Personal interview. Day Month Year.

In-Text Citation Format: (Subject’s Last Name).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Levenhagen).

LECTURE NOTES AND POWERPOINTS/HANDOUTS FROM A CLASS

Works Cited Entry Format:

Presenter’s Last Name, First Name. “Title or Subject of Lecture/Item.” Course Title, Date, College Name, Location. Format (Lecture, Speech, Handout, PowerPoint, etc.).

In-Text Citation Format: (Presenter’s Last Name).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Ward).

Works Cited Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example: (Bradford).