

## 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.**
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.

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## PRINT SOURCES

### Book by One Author

Citation Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Date.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name Page Number).

**NOTE: Do not place a comma in between the author's name and the page number.**

Example:

Morrison, Toni. *Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination*. Vintage Books, 1993.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Morrison 35).

## **Book by Two Authors**

### Citation Format:

Last name of first author, First name of first author, and first and last name of other author. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Date.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Authors' Last Names Page Number).

### Example:

Dean, Marjorie, and Robert Pringle. *Central Banks*. Viking, 1995.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Dean and Pringle 59)

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## **Book by Three or More Authors**

### Citation Format:

Last name of first author, First name of first author, et. al. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Date.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Last Name First Author et al. Page Number).

### Example:

Ledy, Robert, et al. *Practical Research: Planning and Design*. Pearson, 2019.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Ledy et al. 59)

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## **Anthology or Edited Book**

### Citation Format:

Last name, First name, editor. *Title of Book*. Edition, Publisher, year of publication.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Editor's or Editors' Last Name(s) Page Number).

Example:

Mays, Kelly J., editor. *The Norton Introduction to Literature*. Shorter 12<sup>th</sup> ed., W.W. Norton, 2016.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Mays 128).

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## **Work In an Anthology**

Citation 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, Publishers, Year of publication, Pages.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name Page Number).

Example:

Gilman, Charlotte Perkins. "The Yellow Wallpaper." *The Norton Introduction to Literature*. Edited by Kelly J. Mays, shorter 12<sup>th</sup> ed., W.W. Norton, 2016, pp. 526-537.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Gilman 529)

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## **Two or More Selections from the Same Anthology**

When citing more than one selection from the same anthology, you should 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 you are referencing.

Citation 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).

Example:

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O'Connor, Flannery. "A Good Man Is Hard to Find." Mays, pp. 470-481.

In-Text Citation Example:

(O'Connor 478).

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## **Book with a Corporate Author**

Citation Format:

Name of corporate author. *Title of Book*. Publisher's name, Year of publication.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Name of corporate author Page Number).

Example:

National Research Council. *Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect*. National Academy Press, 1993.

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

In-Text Citation Example:

(National Research Council 54).

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## **Magazine Article**

Citation Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, Date, Pages.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name Page Number).

Example:

Sullivan, Carl. "Same-Sex Unions Gain Notice." *Editor & Publisher*, 2 Sept. 2002, pp. 3-8.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Sullivan 6).

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## Newspaper Article

### Citation Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper*, Date, Pages.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name Page Number).

### Example:

Wilford, John Noble. "Fully Assembled at Last, Neanderthal Strides Onstage." *New York Times*, 31 Dec. 2002, pp. C1-C2.

**NOTE: + indicates the page numbers are continued on a non-continuous page.**

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Wilford C1).

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## Journal Article

### Citation Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Volume number, Issue number, Date, Pages.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name Page Number).

### Example:

Moore, Monica M. "Courtship Communication and Perception." *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, vol. 94, no. 1, 2002, pp. 97-106.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Moore 103).

## ONLINE SOURCES

### Journal Article from a WCCC Subscription Database

(Database section of Library homepage)

#### Citation Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Volume number, Issue number, Date, Pages. *Name of Database*, DOI or URL. Accessed day month year.

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

#### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name Page Number).

#### Example:

Whipple, Thomas W., and Mary K. McManamon. "Implications of Using Male and Female Voices in Commercials: An Exploratory Study." *Journal of Advertising*, vol. 31, no. 2, Summer 2002, pp. 70-91. *EBSCOhost*, doi: 10.2979/joa.2014.22.2.70. Accessed 8 Aug. 2016.

#### In-Text Citation Example:

(Whipple and McManamon 73).

**NOTE: If there are more than three authors, EITHER list all of their names OR after the first author use "et al." to indicate that there are more authors: (Saunders et al.)**

#### Example:

Millea, Meghan, et al. "What Matters in College Student Success? Determinants of College Retention and Graduation Rates." *Education*, vol. 138, no. 4, Summer 2018, pp. 309–322. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=fth&AN=130165011&site=eds-live.

#### In-Text Citation Example:

(Millea et al. 310)

## Previously Published Scholarly Article – Bloom’s Literature and MasterPlots

**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:**

(Database section of Library homepage)

### Citation Format:

Last name of author, First name of author. “Title of Article.” *Title of Original Publication*, edited by First Name Last Name, Volume number of original publication if available, Publisher, Year of Publication, pages if available. *Name of Database*, URL. Accessed day month year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name Page Number).

### Example:

Sova, Dawn B. "The Black Cat." *Critical Companion to Edgar Allan Poe: A Literary Reference to His Life and Work*, edited by Harold Bloom, Facts On File, Inc., 2007. *Bloom's Literature*, fofweb.infobase.com/activelink2.asp?ItemID=WE54&WID=17777&SID=5&iPin=ffazpo e0136&SingleRecord=True. Accessed 8 Aug. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Sova).

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

### Citation Format:

Last Name, First Name, role. *Title of the Site*. Publisher, Date, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name).

### Example:

Zalta, Edward N., principal editor. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Stanford University, 2015, plato.stanford.edu/index.html. Accessed 21 Apr. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Zalta)

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## **Website – Entire Website with No Author’s/Contributor’s Name**

### Citation Format:

*Title of the Site*. Publisher, Date, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(*Title of the Site*).

### Example:

*BigCharts*. Marketwatch.com, 2018, bigcharts.marketwatch.com/default.asp. Accessed 25 Feb. 2018.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(*BigCharts*)

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## **Website – Specific Page of a Website**

### Citation Format:

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

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name or “Title of Page”)

### Example:

Yang, Gene Luen. “Glare of Disdain.” *Book Review-Sketchbook*, The New York Times, 23 Aug. 2016, www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/04/01/books/review/28sketchbook-yang.html. Accessed 25 Aug. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Yang)

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## **Website – Journal Article**

### Citation 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 Day Month Year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name Page Number)

### Example:

Volken, Thomas. “Elements of Trust: The Cultural Dimension of Internet Diffusion Revisited.” *The Electronic Journal of Sociology*, vol. 6, no. 4, Oct. 2002, www.sociology.org/content/vol006.004/volken.html. Accessed 25 Aug. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Volken).

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## **AUDIO, VISUAL, AND OTHER SOURCES**

### **Art – From a book**

#### Citation Format:

Artist’s Last Name, First Name. *Title of Art*. Year created. *Title of Book*, by First and Last Names of Authors. Publisher, Year of publication, Page.

#### In-Text Citation Format:

(Artist’s Last Name Page Number)

#### Example:

Van Gogh, Vincent. *The Potato Eaters*. 1885. *History of Art: A Survey of the Major Visual Arts from the Dawn of History to the Present Day*, by H.W. Janson, Prentice-Hall, 1969, p. 508.

#### In-Text Citation Format:

(Van Gogh 508)

## Art – From a webpage

### Citation Format:

Artist's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Art*. Year created. *Name of Site*, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Artist's Last Name)

Example:

Warhol, Andy. *Self-portrait*. 1979. *J. Paul Getty Museum*,  
www.getty.edu/art/collection/objects/106971/andy-warhol-self-portrait-american-1979/.  
Accessed 20 Jan 2015.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Warhol)

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## Picture/Photo Online -- General

### Citation Format:

Artist's Last Name, First Name (if any). "Title of the Picture." *Title of the Site*, Date, URL.  
Accessed Day Month Year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Artist's Last Name)

Example:

Funelf. "Download Me a Fish." *Fun Elf*, 2012, www.funelf.net/download-me-a-fish/. Accessed  
26 Aug. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(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

### Citation Format:

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

### In-Text Citation Format:

(*Title of the Film*)

### Example:

*A Clockwork Orange*. Directed by Stanley Kubrick, performances by Malcolm McDowell and Patrick Magee, Warner Bros. Pictures, 2011.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(*A Clockwork Orange*)

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## Streaming Film

### Citation Format:

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

### In-Text Citation Format:

(*Title of the Film*)

### Example:

*West of Memphis*. Directed by Amy Berg, performances by Jason Baldwin and Damien Wayne Echols, Sony, 2012. *Amazon Prime Video*, www.amazon.com. Accessed 20 Aug. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(*West of Memphis*)

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## Online Video (YouTube, etc.)

### Citation Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name (if any). "Title of Video." *Name of Host Site*, Uploader (if different from the author), Date, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name or "Title of Video")

### Example:

Hall, Donald. "'The Things' by Donald Hall." *YouTube*, uploaded by HMH Books, 12 Sept. 2011, [youtu.be/GtxlVIWX4mc](https://youtu.be/GtxlVIWX4mc). Accessed 25 Feb. 2018.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Hall)

### Example:

The Game Theorists. "Game Theory: Real Tips for SURVIVING a Zombie Apocalypse (7 Days to Die)." *YouTube*, 24 Aug. 2016, [youtu.be/8-sLhsSofnU](https://youtu.be/8-sLhsSofnU). Accessed 26 Aug. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(The Game Theorists)

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## PODCAST

### Citation Format:

Last Name, First Name, role. "Title of the Episode." *Title of Program*, season, episode, Sponsor, Date, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Last Name)

### Example:

Koenig, Sarah, host. "The Alibi." *Serial*, season 1, episode 1, WBEZ, [serialpodcast.org/season-one](https://serialpodcast.org/season-one). Accessed 23 Apr. 2016.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Koenig)

## **AN INTERVIEW YOU CONDUCTED**

### Citation Format:

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

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Subject's Last Name).

### Example:

Levenhagen, Fred. Personal interview. 11 Oct. 2000.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Levenhagen).