

## Examples of MLA (Modern Language Association) Citation Style

### Parenthetical in-text references (Citations in text)

These are usually combinations of author names and page numbers.

#### *Works by a single author*

(Devinsky, 27) [PR]  
in 2006, Devinsky stated that

#### *Works by two authors*

(West & Atkins, 358) [PR]  
or  
in their study, West and Atkins (358) showed

#### *Works by three or more authors*

(Blakesley, et al., 2005) “Et al.” is Latin for “and others”  
or  
in their report, Blakesley, et al. (2005) claimed

#### *Works by a corporate author, government agency, professional association, etc.*

(Centers for Disease Control [CDC], 2001)  
The first time you cite the resource, write out the full name of the association or agency. Subsequently, you may abbreviate the name, as long as you have already used the abbreviation in conjunction with the name, as in this example. (CDC, 2001)

#### *Works with no author listed*

(“Student Achievement Markers,” 1999) -- use quotation marks for articles  
(*Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*, 2002) – use italics for reports, brochures  
Use the first few words of the title of the work (omit initial articles)

\* To refer to a particular section of a work, always include a page number. If no page numbers are given, use paragraph numbers (Wood, 2006, ¶ 3) or heading names with paragraph numbers (CDC, 2001, Grants para. 2)

### Reference Lists

#### *Print Resources*

##### Encyclopedia

Dasmann, Raymond F. “Conservation of Natural Resources.” *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia*. 15th ed. 1998. [RL]

##### Book

Simmonds, Mark P., and Judith D. Hutchinson. *The Conservation of Whales and Dolphins: Science and Practice*. New York: Wiley, 1996. [RL]

##### Book with editor

Markyart, Tomas, ed. *Solar Electricity*. 2nd ed. New York: Wiley, 2000. [RL]

#### Chapter or Part of a Book

Barker, Terry. "Large-scale Energy-Environment-Economy Modelling of the European Union." *Applied Economics and Public Policy*. Eds. Iain Begg and S.G.B. Henry. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998. 15-40. [RL]

#### Magazine Article

McConahay, Mary Jo. "Save the Storks." *Utne Reader* Sept.-Oct. 1999: 95. [RL]

#### Anonymous Magazine Article

"Energy Problems in Focus." *The Oil and Gas Journal* 26 Mar. 2001: 19. [RL]

#### Journal Article

Curnutt, John L., and William B. Robertson, Jr. "Bald Eagle Nest Site Characteristics in South Florida," *The Journal of Wildlife Management* 58.2 (1994): 218-222. [RL]

#### Film or Video Recording

It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore and Thomas Mitchell. 1946. DVD. Republic, 2001.

#### Sound Recording

Joplin, Scott. Treemonisha. Perf. Carmen Baltrop, Betty Allen and Curtis Rayam. Houston Grand Opera Orch. and Chorus. Cond. Gunther Schuller. Deutsche Grammophon, 1992.

#### Music Score

Brucker, Anton. Messe E-moll für achtstimmigen gemischten Chor und Bläser, zweite Fassung: WAB 27. New York: C.F. Peters, 2005.

#### Painting, Sculpture or Photograph

Rembrandt van Rijn. Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Adams, Ansel. Clearing Winter Storm. 1944. George Eastman House Collection, Rochester.

#### *Electronic Sources\**

#### Encyclopedia

Dasmann, Raymond F. "Conservation." *Britannica Online*. 1999-2000. Encyclopaedia Britannica. 20 Dec. 2000 <http://www.britannica.com>

#### Book

Simmonds, Mark P., and Judith D. Hutchinson. The Conservation of Whales and Dolphins: Science and Practice. New York: Wiley, 1996. 27 Sept. 2007  
<<http://209.11.144.75/wileypress/ms/ttt.html>> [RL]

#### Part of an online book

Barker, Terry. "Large-scale Energy-Environment-Economy Modelling of the European Union." Applied Economics and Public Policy. Eds. Iain Begg and S.G.B. Henry. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998. 27 Sept. 2007  
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Article information. Database name. Library name and location.

Access date. URL for the service's home page, if known. If not, end with the date of access (p. 229).

Magazine Article found using a library database

MacKay, Katurah. "Sierra Bighorns Need Protection." National Parks May 1999: 12. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. U of the Pacific Lib., CA. 30 July 2003 <<http://www.epnet.com/>>. [RL]

Anonymous Magazine Article found using a library database

"The Mayor Throws a Lifeline." The Economist 10 May 2003: 26- . Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. U of the Pacific Lib., CA. 30 July 2003 <<http://www.epnet.com/>>. [RL]

Journal Article found using a library database

Lambsdorff, Johann G. "How Confidence Facilitates Illegal Transactions: An Empirical Approach." American Journal of Economics and Sociology 61.4 (2002): 829-853. Business Source Elite. EBSCO. U of the Pacific Lib., CA. 30 July 2003 <<http://www.epnet.com/>>. [RL]

**The pattern for electronic information from a web site:** Article information as in print, if any. Access date. URL for the individual article/web site's search page.

Article found on a website, not using a library database

Kinsley, Michael. "Now Is the Summer of Too Much Content." Slate 20 June 1998. 25 June 1998 <<http://www.slate.com/98-06-20/Readme.asp>>. [RL]

Tully, R. Brent, et al. "Global Extinction in Spiral Galaxies." Astronomical Journal 115.6 (1998). 27 June 1998 <<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/AJ/journal/issues/v115n6/980002/980002.html>>. [RL]

CNN.com. 2002. Cable News Network. 30 July 2003 <<http://www.cnn.com/>>.

Electronic Policy Network. American Prospect, Inc. 20 Dec. 2000 <<http://www.epn.org>>. [RL]

Film or Video Recording (complete or clip) found online

It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore and Thomas Mitchell. 1946. DVD. Republic, 2001.

Sound Recording found online

Shostakovich, Dmitri. Piano Quintet in G minor, op.57. Perf. The Albeni String Quartet, Clifford Benson. CRD, 1978. <<http://pacific.classical.com/permalink/recording/2147486385/>>.

Painting, Sculpture or Photograph found online

Klee, Paul. Twittering Machine. 1922. Museum of Modern Art, New York. The Artchive. "Klee: Twittering Machine." 22 May 2006  
<[http://artchive.com/artchive/K/klee/twittering\\_machine.jpg.html](http://artchive.com/artchive/K/klee/twittering_machine.jpg.html)>.

Adams, Ansel. Clearing Winter Storm. 1944. George Eastman House Collection, Rochester.  
30 Oct. 2007 [http://www.masters-of-photography.com/A/adams/adams\\_clearing\\_winter\\_storm\\_full.html](http://www.masters-of-photography.com/A/adams/adams_clearing_winter_storm_full.html).

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