Basic MLA (8th edition) Style Guide
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MLA is the standard citation and style for the humanities and liberal arts. This guide provides basic examples for the MLA style according the new 8th edition. This new edition encourages users follow general guidelines and include the following information about each source (as well as the punctuation included below):

1. Author.
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

For more complete information, consult the *MLA Handbook* (8th edition) or the website, *MLA Formatting and Style Guide*, prepared by the staff at the Open Writing Lab of Purdue University:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/.

In order to avoid plagiarism, you must properly credit the sources you use when writing a research paper. You should indicate specifically where you got your information. Citations are always required when direct quotes are used, when someone else's ideas or research is summarized, and when facts, such as statistics, are noted.

Examples of Works Cited

The conventions of sequence, punctuation, and capitalization in the MLA style for the Works Cited section can most easily be illustrated with examples. Commonly used formats are below.

Book with One Author (Print)

Last name, First name. *Title of Book.* Publisher, Year of Publication.

Doyle, Arthur Conan. *The Hound of the Baskervilles.* Signet Classic, 2001.

eBook with One Author (Web)

Last name, First name. *Title of Book.* Publisher, Year of Publication. *Title of the resource.*
    permalink.

Buckley, Angela. *The Real Sherlock Holmes.* Pen and Sword, 2014. *eBook Academic Collection (EBSCOhost),* search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=e000xna&AN=882142&site=ehost-live.

Book with Two Authors
(If ebook, also include title of resource and permalink or web address as in example above.)

Last name, First name, and First name Last name. *Title of Book.* Publisher, Year of Publication.

Book with Three or More Authors

Last name, First name, et al. *Title of Book.* Publisher, Year of Publication.

A Work in an Anthology or Reference Book (Print)

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Essay or Article." *Title of Anthology/Reference Book,* edited by Editor's Name(s). Publisher, Year, Page range of entry.

An Article in a Magazine or Newspaper (Print)

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical,* Day Month Year, pages.

Simpson, Lisa. *"*The Way to Peace.*" Springfield Weekly*, 13 Jan. 2000, pp.22-25.

An Article in a Scholarly Journal (Print)

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal,* volume, issue, year, pages.

Smith, John P. *"*The Path to Peaceful Dialog.*" Journal of Social Issues,* vol.12, no.4, 2012, pp.147-52.

A Page from a Website

Editor, author, or compiler name. "Article or Page Name." *Name of Website,* Name of institution/organization affiliated with the website, date of resource creation (if available), URL, DOI or permalink. Day Month Year of access.

"Depression - Topic Overview." *WebMD*, www.webmd.com/depression/tc/topic-overview-depression. 19 Sept. 2016.

Note: When including a URL for digital sources, do NOT include the https:// in the citation. If available, use a permalink or DOI instead of the URL.

An Article from a Periodical in an Electronic Resource Database

When citing material accessed through an electronic resource database, such as *Academic Search Premier*, cite the relevant publication information as you would for a newspaper, magazine, or journal followed by the name of the database, the DOI or URL, and the date accessed.

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal, v*olume, issue, date, pages. *Database Name.* DOI. Day Month Year of access.

Vallentyne, Peter. "On The Duty of Altruism." *Journal of Social Philosophy, vol.* 44, no. 2, Summer 2013, pp. 118-120. *Academic Search Premier, EBSCOhost,* doi:10.1111/josp.12021. Accessed September 16, 2016.

Examples of In-Text Citations

In the body of the research paper, an in-text citation names the author of the source and gives the page number of the reference in parentheses. See the following examples.

The elderly depressed are chronically undertreated (Solomon 189).

"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness," King stated (146).

Americans donate approximately 3% of their income to charity (Handbook of Philanthropy 25)

Example of a MLA Works Cited Page

At the end of the research paper, a list of works cited provides publication information about the sources. The list is alphabetized by authors' last names (or by titles for works without authors). See the following example.

Works Cited

Begley, Sarah. "How to Do Well When You Do Good." *Time,* vol. 186, no. 1/2, 6 July 2015, pp. 33-34.

Brown, Charlotte R. "Altruism." *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd ed., edited by Donald Borchert, Thomson

    Gale, 2006, pp. 136-137.

Goodman, Jonathan. "Altruism and the Golden Rule." *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science,* vol. 49, no. 2,

    June 2014, pp.381-395. *Academic Search Premier* (EBSCOhost), doi: 10.1111/zygo.12089. Accessed 26

    Apr. 2016.

Nowak, M.A., and Roger Highfield. *Supercooperators: Altruism, Evolution, and Why We Need Each Other to*

    Succeed. Free Press, 2011.

Oord, Thomas Jay. *The Altruism Reader : Selections From Writings On Love, Religion, And Science*.

    Templeton Press, 2008*. eBook Academic Collection (EBSCOhost).*

    search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=e000xna&AN=398057&site=ehost-live.

Philanthropy Handbook. Harper-Collins, 2010.