

MLA Style: The Works Cited List

The following examples show how to document print and electronic sources for a research paper using the Modern Language Association (MLA) citation style. In this style, sources are briefly cited in parentheses within the text of a research paper, using the author's surname and the page number of the specific material being used in the paper. A detailed list of the sources referred to in the parenthetical citations is provided at the end of the research paper on a separate page, with **Works Cited** centered at the top of the page.

All entries in the Works Cited list are double spaced, using hanging indents (first line at left hand margin, subse-

quent lines indented). Details on how to prepare the Works Cited list are found in Chapter 5 of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed., available in the Library's Reference Collection (call number: LB 2369 G53 2009 SMREF).

The following examples are intended as a brief guide only. For further clarification and examples of how to document different types of sources, please consult the *MLA Handbook*. Note: the numbers in square brackets refer to the rule number found in the manual.

Print Sources

Book by one author [5.5.2]

London, Jack. *The Sea Wolf*. Boston: Houghton, 1964. Print.

Two or more books by the same author [5.3.4]

Austen, Jane. *Mansfield Park*. New York: Dutton, 1963. Print.

---. *Pride and Prejudice*. New York: Oxford UP, 1970. Print.

Book by two or more authors [5.5.4]

Binder, Arnold, and Gilbert Geis. *Methods of Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice*.

New York: McGraw, 1983. Print.

Work in an anthology [5.5.6]

Saso, Michael. "Chinese Religions." *The New Penguin Handbook of Living Religions*. Ed.

John R. Hinnels. 2nd ed. Toronto: Penguin, 1998. 445-478. Print.

Article in a scholarly journal [5.4.2]

Yachnin, Paul. "Reversal of Fortune: Shakespeare, Middleton, and the Puritans." *ELH* 70.3 (2003): 757-786. Print.

Article in a newspaper [5.4.5]

Petrunic, Josipa. "Illness Linked to Pasta Salad Spreads." *Toronto Star* 21 May 2002: A2. Print.

Article in a magazine [5.4.6]

Shilts, Elizabeth. "Water Wanderers." *Canadian Geographic* May-June 2002: 72-78. Print.

Government publication [5.5.20]

Canada. External Affairs and International Trade Canada. *Canada and the World Environment*.

Ottawa: Supply and Services, 1992. Print.

Electronic Sources

- URLs should be listed only if your instructor requires it or if the reader may not be able to locate the source without it.
- Citations must include your date of access. The first date in the citation is the date of publication or the date the site was last revised when you visited it; the date at the end of the citation is the date you accessed the site. Note: if an e-book was previously published in a physical (i.e., print) format, the first date refers to its print publication date.

“The basic entry”: A document from an Internet site [5.6.1, 5.6.2b]

Atwood, Margaret. “Siren Song.” *Representative Poetry On-line*. Ed. Ian Lancashire. U of Toronto, 23 Apr. 2009. Web. 12 June 2009.

Saint Mary’s University. “University Organizational Structure.” *University Governance*. Saint Mary’s U, Apr. 2007. Web. 12 June 2009. <<http://www.smu.ca/ug/documents/Universityorgchartapril2007.pdf>>.

An entire Internet site [5.6.1, 5.6.2b]

Farmer, Alan B., and Zachary Lesser, eds. *DEEP: Database of Early English Playbooks*. U of Pennsylvania, 1 June 2009. Web. 28 June 2009.

E-book [5.6.2c]

Gwyn, Julian. *Frigates and Foremasts: The North American Squadron in Nova Scotia Waters, 1745-1815*. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2003. *eBrary*. Web. 20 June 2009.

Scholarly journal article published on the Web [5.6.3]

Booth, Roy. “Witchcraft, Flight and the Early Modern English Stage.” *Early Modern Literary Studies* 13.1 (2008): n. pag. Web. 20 June 2009.

Scholarly journal article in an online database (e.g., library database) [5.6.4]

Izenberg, Oren. “Language Poetry and Collective Life.” *Critical Inquiry* 30.1 (2003): 132–159. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 20 June 2007.

Newspaper or magazine article in an online database (e.g., library database) [5.6.4]

Dolan, Maura. “Gov. won’t defend Proposition 8.” *Los Angeles Times* 18 June 2009, home ed.: A4+. *LexisNexis*. Web. 28 June 2009.

Online government publication [5.6.2c]

Canada. Official Languages Secretariat. *Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality 2008-2013: Acting for the Future*. 2008. *Canadian Heritage*. Web. 25 Aug. 2009.