

SAMPLE CITATIONS

MLA Format

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For each type of source, the parenthetical citation is shown first in parenthesis as it would appear in the text. The full bibliographic citation it refers to follows as it would appear in a bibliography.

The following bibliographic information is to be included in citing books:

Citation in text = (author(s) & page number)

The purpose of the text citation is to clearly point to the bibliographic citation.

Bibliographic citation = Author(s). Title. Place of Publication: Publisher, date.

BOOKS

One Author

(Meacham 68)

Meacham, Cory J. *How the Tiger Lost Its Stripes: An Exploration into the Endangerment of a Species*. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1997.

Two or Three Authors

(Sieber and Walker 75)

Sieber, Roy, and Roslyn Adele Walker. *African Art in the Cycle of Life*. Washington: Smithsonian, 1987.

More Than Three Authors

(Bootzin 250)

Bootzin, Richard R., et al. *Psychology Today: An Introduction*. 7th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1991.

No Author

(Chronicle of America 239)

Chronicle of America. New York: Dorling Kindersley, 1997.

Editor

(Bloom 54)

Bloom, Harold, ed. *Modern Critical Views: Homer*. New York: Chelsea, 1986.

Corporate Author

(American Medical Association 235)

American Medical Association. *The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine*. New York: Random House, 1989.

Work in an Anthology

(Poe 210)

Poe, Edgar Allan. "The Raven." Felleman, Hazel. *The Best Loved Poems of the American People*. New York: Doubleday, 1936. 209-211.

Multivolume Work with an Editor

Bankhead, Elizabeth, Janet Nichols, and Dawn Vaughn. *Write it!: A guide for research*. Englewood, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited, 1999.

(Cassidy 109)

Cassidy, Frederic G., ed. *Dictionary of American Regional English*. Vol. II. Cambridge: Belknap Press, 1991.

Multivolume Work with an Author and Editor

(Sweeney 302)

Sweeney, James Ross. "Chivahy." *Dictionary of the Middle Ages*. Ed. Joseph R. Strayer. Vol. 3. New York: Scribners, 1989.

Multivolume Work with Different Title for Each Volume

(Home Front 77)

The Home Front. Danbury: Grolier, 1995. Vol. 1 of *The New Grolier Encyclopedia of World War II*. 8 vols.

Government Publication

(United States. Dept. of Labor 79)

United States. Dept. of Labor. *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. 1996—97 Washington: GPO, 1996.

{ GPO stands for Government Printing Office }

Excerpts of Criticism Cited in a Single Work

(Quinn 430)

Quinn, Arthur Hobson. *Edgar Allan Poe: A Critical Biography*. Reprinted in *Poetry Criticism*. Vol. 1 Ed. Robyn V. Young. Detroit: Gale Research, 1991. 430.

Pamphlet

(Facts 3)

Facts 1997. Detroit: Wayne State University, 1998.

MAGAZINES

The following bibliographic information is to be included in citing magazine article:

Citation in text = (author(s) & page number)

Bibliographic citation = Author(s). "Title or Article." *Publication*. Date of Publication: Page Number.

Magazine Article with an Author

(Cartmill 19)

Cartmill, Matt. "Animal Minds, Animal Dreams." *Natural History* Mar. 1998: 16—20.

Magazine Article without an Author

("New Light on the Shape of Galaxies" 22)

"New Light on the Shape of Galaxies." *Sky and Telescope* Apr. 1998: 22.

NEWSPAPERS

The following bibliographic information is to be included in citing newspaper articles:

Citation in text = (author(s) & page number)

Bibliographic citation = Author(s). "Title or Article." *Publication*. Date of Publication: Page Number

Newspaper Article with an Author

(Wee A1)

Wee, Eric L. "Turning to Teenagers for Tech Talent." *Washington Post* 1 Mar. 1998: A1+.

Newspaper Article without an Author

("U.N. Visits Continue" A25)

"U.N. Visits Continue, Iraq Says." *Washington Post* 8 Mar. 1998: A25.

OTHER CURRENT SOURCES

The following bibliographic information is to be included in citing current resources:
Please note, some current resources do not contain all of the information listed below.

Citation in text = (author(s) & page number)

Bibliographic citation = Author(s). "Title or Article." *Publication*. Date of Publication: Page Number.

Almanac

("Notable Books, 1996" 288)

"Notable Books, 1996." *The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1997*.

Background Notes

(United States. Dept. of State.)

United States. Dept. of State. "Belarus." *Background Notes*. Washington: GPO, 1996.
{GPO stands for Government Printing Office}

Culturgram

("Ireland" n.pag.) { apag. indicates no page number appears in the source }

"Ireland." *Culturgram* '98. Provo: Brigham Young University, 1997.

CQ Weekly Report

(Ota 1268)

Ota, Alan K. "America Hits the Highways and Congress Must Navigate." 16 May 1998
Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report. Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1988.

Editorials on File

(*The Indianapolis News* n. pag.)

The Indianapolis News. 20 Feb. 1998 *Editorials on File*, 1 998. New York: Facts on File, 1988.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

General Encyclopedia Article with an Author

(Wertheim) {Page number is not necessary from an alphabetical work }

Wertheim, Albert. "Globe Theatre." *The World Book Encyclopedia*. 1997 ed.

General Encyclopedia Article without an Author

("Ballooning") {Page number is not necessary from an alphabetical work}

"Ballooning." *Encyclopedia Americana*. 1997 ed.

Specialized Encyclopedia

(Whorton 144)

Whorton, James C. "Animal Research: Historical Aspects." *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*.
Ed. Warren Thomas Reich. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan, 1995.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES: INTERNET

Bankhead, Elizabeth, Janet Nichols, and Dawn Vaughn. Write it!: A guide for research. Englewood, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited. 1999.

WWW Sites (World Wide Web)

(Available by means of Microsoft Explorer, Netscape Navigator, Mosaic, Lynx, and Other Web Browsers)

To cite files available for viewing/downloading on the World Wide Web, the MLA suggests giving the following information, including as many items from the list below as are relevant and available.

1. Name of the author, editor, compiler, or translator, reversed for alphabetizing and followed by an abbreviation such as ed., trans., if appropriate
2. Title of the article, poem, short story with the scholarly project, database, periodical; in quotation marks, followed by the description Online posting
3. Title of a book (underlined)
4. Name of the editor, compiler, translator, if not cited earlier
5. Publication information for any print version of this resource (if such a thing exists)
6. Title of the scholarly project, database, periodical or professional or personal site (underlined); or, for a site with no title, a description such as Home page
7. Name of the editor of the scholarly project or database (if available)
8. Version number of the source (If not part of the title) or other identifying number
9. Date of electronic publication, of the latest update, or of posting
10. Page numbers or the number of paragraphs or of other numbered sections of the material (if any)
11. Name of any institution or organization sponsoring or associated with the web site
12. Date when the researcher found access to this resource
13. Electronic address, or URL, of the resource (in <angle brackets>). It is no longer considered necessary to include the protocol (http://) for a WWW download, since most browsers will work without including that protocol. If possible, however, show the URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the web-site in its entirety without break or inappropriate hyphens at line-endings and without spaces. (Provide the URL its own line if necessary.) <webster.commmnet.edu/HP/pages/darling/grammar/verbs.htm#passive>
Note, also, that spelling and, sometimes, even decisions about which case to use can be critically important in reporting URLs.

The following bibliographic information is to be included in citing online resources:

Citation in text = (author(s) & page number)

Bibliographic citation = Author(s). "Title or Work." Article's original source and publication date: page numbers. Product Name. Publisher. Date researcher visited site. <Electronic Address, or URL, of the source>

Encyclopedia

("Globe Theatre")

"Globe Theatre." *Britannica Online*. Vers. 98.1.1. Mar. 1998. Encyclopedia Britannica. 7 Mar. 1998 {**date database was accessed**} <http://www.ed.com: 180/>.

NewsBank

(Dietrich)

Bankhead, Elizabeth, Janet Nichols, and Dawn Vaughn. Write it!: A guide for research. Englewood, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited. 1999.

Dietrich, Bill. "Antarctica Under the Ozone Hole." *Seattle Times* 6 Apr. 1997: A1. Mar. 1998. *NewsBank NewsFile Collection*. Cherry Creek High School Lib., Englewood, CO. 7 Mar. 1998 { **date database was accessed** } <<http://www.newsbank.com>>.

EBSCO Online Database(s)

(Tator, Carson, and Cushman, 787)

Tator, Charles, James D. Carson and Robert Cushman. "Hockey injuries of the spine in Canada, 1966-1996." *CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal* Vol.162 Issue 6, 787. Available from Academic Search Elite [database on-line]. Accessed 15 November 2000. <<http://search.epnet.com>>

Social Issues Resources Series (SIRS)

(Winton)

Winton, Ben. "Single Dad Double Duty." *Phoenix Gazette* 2 Oct. 1994: G1+. Feb. 1998. *SIRS Researcher on the Web*. McLean High School Lib., McLean, VA. 7 Mar. 1998 { **date database was accessed** } <<http://Researcher.SIRS.com/>>.

Magazine Article

(Sudo)

Sudo, Phil. "The State of the Earth." *Scholastic Update* 21 Mar. 1997:2+. Mar. 1998. *Infotrak SearchBank: General Reference Center Gold*. Westlake High School Lib., 7 Mar. 1998 { **date database was accessed** } <http://www.searchbank.com/searchbank/eisd_wlhs>.

Reference Source

("Toni Morrison")

"Tom Morrison." *Galenet: Discovering Authors*. Mar. 1998. Gale Research. 7 Mar. 1998 { **date database was accessed** } <<http://galenet.gale.com/>>.

Scientific Site

(American Cancer Society) { name of corporate author }

Cancer Information 13 Sept. 1998. American Cancer Society. 13 Sept. 1998 { **date database was accessed** } <<http://www.cancer.org>>.

Professional Site

(Archaeological Institute of America) { name of corporate author }

Archaeological Institute of America. 9 Sept. 1998. Archaeological Institute of America. 17 Sept. 1998 { **date database was accessed** } <<http://www.archaeological.org/projects/AIAWebSites.html>>.

Personal Site

(Jones)

Jones, Monica. *College Stuff Here!* 16 Sept. 1998. { **date database was accessed** } <<http://members~aol.com/Martian181/college.htm>>.

Commercial Site

(ESPN) { name of corporate author }

ESPN.com 19 Sept. 1998. ESPN Internet Ventures. 19 Sept. 1998 { **date database was accessed** } <<http://ESPN.SportsZone.com>>.

ELECTRONIC SOURCE: CD-ROM

The following bibliographic information is to be included in citing sources on CD ROM:

Citation in text = (author(s) & page number)

Bibliographic citation = Author(s). "Title or Work." Article's original source and publication date: page numbers. Product Name. Publisher. Date researcher visited site. <Electronic Address, or URL, of the source>

If you cannot find some of the information required for a CD-ROM citation -- for example, the city and name of the publisher -- cite what is available.

Masterplots Complete

("The Pathfinder")

"The Pathfinder." Masterplots Complete 1999. CD-ROM. Pasadena: Salem Press, 1999.

Macmillan Databases: Dictionary of American Biography, African-American History and Culture, Encyclopedia of World Cultures, Scribner's American History and Culture (Whicher 297)

Whicher, George F. "Dickinson, Emily Elizabeth." Dictionary of American Biography on CD-ROM. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1998. Originally published in 1930.

Encyclopedia

("Climate and Weather")

"Climate and Weather: Greenhouse Effect Induced by Carbon Dioxide and Other Trace Gases." *Britannica CD*. CD-ROM. Encyclopedia Britannica. 1995.

NONPRINT SOURCES

Interview

(Romer)

Romer, Roy. Personal interview. 24 Feb. 1998.

{Use type of interview: such as personal interview, telephone interview }

Media (videotapes videodiscs, film, etc.)

(*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

To Kill a Mockingbird. Dir. Robert Mulligan. Perf. Gregory Peck. 1962.

Videocassette. MCA, 1987.

Art / Photographs

(Bierstadt)

Bierstadt, Albert. *Rocky Pool, New Hampshire*. Denver Art Museum, Denver.

Television or Radio Program

(*Washington Week in Review*)

Washington Week in Review. PBS. KRMA, Denver. 14 June 1998.

Sound Recording

(Ledbetter)

Ledbetter, Huddie. *Leadbelly Sings Folk Songs*. Perf. Leadbelly, Woody Guthrie, Cisco Houston, and Sonny Terry. Smithsonian Folkways Records, 1980.