



Citing Your Sources For the 7th Edition MLA Handbook

Part of academic writing is the process of acknowledging the source of the material you used in preparing your paper, by citing your sources. Various manuals offer slightly different citation formats depending upon the subject matter.

At West Valley College the English Department has chosen as a standard the MLA format. Instructors in other disciplines also often specify this citation format as it is one of the easiest to understand. Another format, the APA style (American Psychological Association), is used in the psychology, sociology and other related fields. Check with your individual instructors on what citation style they prefer.

BOOKS

Generic citation format:

Author's last name, Author's first name. *Title of the Book is Italicized*. City of publication: Name of publisher, year of publication. Medium of publication.

One author:

Young, Vernon. *Cinema Borealis: Ingmar Bergman and the Swedish Ethos*. New York: D. Lewis, 1971. Print.

Two or three authors:

Dana, Charles A., Mark Twain, and Olivia Langdon Clemens. *The Household Book of Poetry*. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1869. Print.

E-Book:

Butler, John M. *Forensic DNA Typing: Biology, Technology, and Genetics of STR Markers*. Amsterdam: Elsevier Academic Press, 2005. *NetLibrary*. Web. 27 May 2009 < <http://0-www.netlibrary.com.library.wvmccd.cc.ca.us>>.

An Anthology or Edited Book:

Briscoe, James R., ed. *New Historical Anthology of Music by Women*. Bloomington : Indiana University Press, 2004. Print.

A Work in an Anthology or Edited book:

Jagamara Nelson, Michael. "I am an Artist, not a Politician." *The Oxford Companion to Aboriginal Art and Culture*. Ed. Sylvia Kleinert and Margo Neale. Melbourne: Oxford Press, 2000. 482-83. Print.

ARTICLES IN PRINT

Generic citation format:

Author last name, Author first name. "Title of Article in Quotation Marks." *Name of periodical italicized* volume number for a scholarly journal. Issue number, if available, for a scholarly journal (Year of publication in parenthesis): Inclusive page number, if available. Medium of publication.

Magazine:

Ferris, David. "Message in a Bottle." *Sierra* May/June 2009: 44-51. Print.

Newspaper:

Theriault, Denis C. "San Jose Councilwoman Survives Attempt to Remove Her from Office." *San Jose Mercury News* 4 Mar. 2009: 1A+. Print.

ARTICLES FROM ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES LIKE PROQUEST & LRC

Generic citation format:

Author last name, Author first name. "Title of Article in Quotation Marks." *Name of periodical italicized* volume number for a scholarly journal. Issue number, if available, for a scholarly journal (Year of publication in parenthesis): Inclusive page number, if available. *Title of database italicized*. Medium of publication. Date of access.

Scholarly Journal Article

Cohen, Daniel A. "Passing the Torch: Boston Firemen, 'Tea Party' Patriots, and the Burning of the Charlestown Convent." *Journal of the Early Republic* 24.4 (2004): 527-86. *ProQuest*. Web. 27 May 2009.

Lopez, Kimberle S. "Modernismo and the Ambivalence of the Postcolonial Experience: Cannibalism, Primitivism, and Exoticism in Mario de Andrade's Macunaima." *Luso-Brazilian Review* 35.1 (1998): 25-38. *Literary Reference Center*. Web. 27 May 2009.

Anonymous Article

"Mideast Talks, 30 Years Later." *USA Today* 19 May 2009: A.10. *ProQuest*. Web. 27 May 2009.

Citing Web Publications

Generic format for a Web-based article or a Web page:

Author last name, Author first name. *Title of the Work Italicized if the Work is Independent*. "In Roman Type and Quotation Marks if the Work is Part of a Larger Work." *Title of the overall Web site italicized, if distinct from previous item*. Version of edition used, if available. Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available use, N.p. Date of publication, if nothing is available; use n.d. Medium of publication. Date of access. <Enclose the URL in angle brackets>.

White, Nancy. "Early Intermediate, Regional Diversification: Moche Nasca, San Agustín Marajo Island; Iconography; 200 BC – AD 6000." *South American Archaeology*. Indiana University Bloomington, 20 Jan. 2005. Web. 10 May 2009.
<http://www.indiana.edu/~arch/saa/matrix/saa/saa_mod06.html>.

United States. Dept. of Labor. Office of Disability Employment Policy. *Personal Assistance Services in the Workplace*. Apr. 2002. Web. 27 May 2009.
<<http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/rights.htm>>.