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**Note:** MLA abbreviates all months except May, June and July. For example, “February” is “Feb.”

**Book**

**MLA:** Last, First M. *Book*. City: Publisher, Year Published. Medium.  
**Example:** Carley, Michael J. *1939: The Alliance That Never Was and the Coming of World War II*. Chicago: Dee, 1999. Print.

**Chapter/Anthology**

**MLA:** Last, First M. “Section Title.” *Book/Anthology*, Ed. First M. Last. Edition. City: Publisher, Year Published. Page(s). Medium.  
**Example:** Melville, Herman. “Hawthorne and His Mosses.” *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*. Ed. Nina Baym. 3rd ed. New York: Norton, 1989. 5-25. Print.

**\*Note:** Essays, shorts stories, and poems are put in quotes. Works originally published independently such as plays and novels generally are italicized

**Magazine**

**MLA:** Last, First M. “Article Title.” *Magazine Title* Date Month Year Published: Page(s). Medium.  
**Example:** Pressman, Aaron. “Bottom Fishing in Rough Waters.” *BusinessWeek* 29 Sept. 2008: 27. Print.

**Newspaper**

**MLA:** Last, First M. “Article Title.” *Newspaper Title* [City] Date Month Year Published: Page(s). Medium.  
**Example:** Campoy, Ana. “Gasoline Surges in Southeast After Ike.” *The Wall Street Journal* 23 Sept. 2008: A14. Print.

**\*Note:** Only include [City] if it is not in the title. Do not include if the newspaper is well known or nationally published.

**Journal**

**MLA:** Last, First M., and First M. Last. “Article Title.” *Journal Title* Series Volume.Issue (Year Published): Page(s). Medium.  
**Example:** Bharadwaj, Parag, and Katerine T. Ward. “Ethical Considerations of Patients with Pacemakers.” *American Family Physician* 78 (2008): 398-99. Print.

**Website**

**MLA:** Last, First M. “Article Title.” *Website Title*. Website Publisher, Date Month Year Published. Web. Date Month Year Accessed. <URL>.  
**Example:** Satalkar, Bhakti. “Water Aerobics.” *Buzzle.com*. 15 July 2010. Web. 16 July 2012.

**\*Note:** URL is optional unless the source cannot be located without it or if required by your instructor.

**Online Database (Journal)**

**MLA:** Last, First M. “Article Title.” *Journal Title* Series Volume.Issue (Year Published): Page(s). *Database Name*. Web. Date Month Year Accessed. <URL>.  
**Example:** Ahn, Hyunchul, and Kyoung-jae Kim. “Using Genetic Algorithms to Optimize Nearest Neighbors for Data Mining.” *Annals of Operations Research* 263.1 (2008): 5-18. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 25 Sept. 2008.

**\*Note:** URL is optional unless the source cannot be located without it or if required by your instructor.

**Film**

**MLA:** *Title*. Dir. First M. Last and First M. Last. Perf. First M. Last, First M. Last, and First M. Last. Distributor, Year Published. Media Type.  
**Example:** *The Dark Knight*. Dir. Christopher Nolan. Perf. Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, and Aaron Eckhart. Warner Bros., 2008. DVD.

**Sound Recording**

**MLA:** Contributors. “Song.” *Album*. Band. Manufacturer, Year. Medium.  
**Example:** Corgan, Billy, and Butch Vig. “Today.” *Siamese Dream*. Smashing Pumpkins. Virgins Records America, 1993. CD.

**Visual Art / Photograph**

**MLA:** Last, First M. *Title*. Year Created. Medium. Museum/Institution, Location.  
**Example:** Picasso, Pablo. *Three Musicians*. 1921. Oil on panel. Museum of Modern Art, New York.

**Lecture / Speech**

**MLA:** Last, First M. “Speech.” Meeting / Organization. Location. Date. Description.  
**Example:** Obama, Barack H. “Inaugural Address.” 2009 Presidential Inaugural. Capitol Building, Washington, D.C. 20 Jan. 2009. Address.

**Cartoon**

**MLA:** Last, First M. “Title.” Cartoon / Comic strip. Publication information. Medium.  
**Example:** Trudeau, Garry. “Doonesbury.” Comic strip. *New York Times* 8 May 2008: 12. Print.

* **A book with a single author:**

Rollin, Bernard E. Science and Ethics. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006. Print.

* **A book with two authors:**

Sherman, Chris, and Gary Price. *The Invisible Web: Uncovering Information Sources Search Engines Can’t See.* Medford, NJ: CyberAge Books, 2001. Print.

* **An article in a monthly magazine:**

Kaplan, Robert D. “History Moving North.” Atlantic Monthly Feb. 1997: 21+.

* **An article in a journal paginated by volume:**

Cheuse, Alan. “Narrative Painting and Pictorial Fiction.” Antioch Review 55 (1997): 277-291.

* **An online scholarly project or reference database:**

“Gog and Magog.” The Encyclopedia Mythica. Ed. Micha F. Lindemans. 2 Jan. 1998 <http://www.pantheon.org/mythica/articles/g/gog\_and\_magog.html>.

* **A film or videotape:**

*The Descendants*. Dir. Alexander Payne. Perf. George Clooney and Shailene Woodley. Twentieth Century Fox, 2011. DVD.

* **An e-mail message:**

Schubert, Josephine. “Re. Culture Shock.” E-mail to the author. 21 May. 2010.

* **A personal Interview:**

Smith, John. Personal interview. 31 Aug. 2012.

* **A DVD:**

Ballroom Dancing. Dir. Steve Kemsley. Perf Angela Rippon and Ian Waite. American Home Treasures,2006. DVD.

* **A painting:**

Matisse, Henri. La Ronde. Musuem of Modern Art, New York.

* **An experiment:**

Record the set-up, circumstances, etc. as you normally would in a lab report.

**For more detailed citation information see website.**