

Citations - MLA

One way to avoid plagiarism and to support your research is to provide citations.

In this tutorial, you will learn about:

- citation styles and
- MLA.

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Citation Styles

There are at least six main citation styles with their own unique standards of a citation and of the writing of a paper. Each style is used by a particular discipline:

- MLA – humanities,
- APA – social sciences,
- Chicago – history and humanities,
- Turabian – history and humanities,
- AMA – medicine, and
- CSE (formerly CBE) – biology.

Comparison of MLA & APA

The below examples of citing a journal in MLA and APA show some of the differences in citing styles. These differences make it essential in understanding the style you are using and in knowing what you are citing.

MLA

Carbini, S., et al. "From a Wizard of Oz Experiment to a Real Time Speech and Gesture Multimodal Interface." *Signal Processing* 86.12 (2006): 3559-77. Print.

APA

Carbini, S., Delphin-Poulat, L., Perron, L., & Viallet, J. E. (2006). From a wizard of Oz experiment to a real time speech and gesture multimodal interface. *Signal Processing*, 86, 3559-3577. doi:10.1016/j.sigpro.2006.04.001



MLA

Select the citation you wish to learn about. Examples follow the 7th edition of "MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers."

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MLA - Book

Standard Hardcopy or Print Book Citation format:

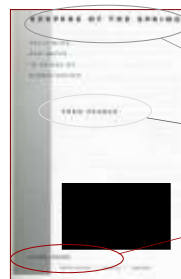
Author(s). *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.

Let's generate a citation for the book *Keepers of the Spring* by Fred Pearce.

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Pearce, Fred. *Keepers of the Spring: Reclaiming Our Water in an Age of Globalization*. Washington: Island, Year. Print.

Publisher – In MLA, do not give business abbreviations (e.g. Corp.) and descriptive words (e.g. Press). However, for university press use UP (e.g. Ohio State UP or UP of Kansas).

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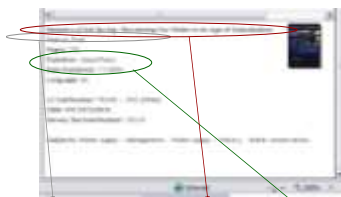
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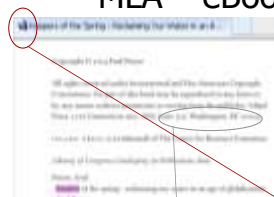
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MLA – eBook (cont.)



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Pearce, Fred. *Keepers of the Spring: Reclaiming Our Water in an Age of Globalization*. Washington: Island, 2004. *Ebrary*. Web. 13 Oct. 2010.

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MLA – Work in an Anthology

An anthology is a collection of published works (poems, plays, essays, etc.) by one or more authors.

Standard Anthology Citation format:

Author(s). "Title of Article or Chapter." *Title of Book*. Ed. Editor(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Pages. Print.

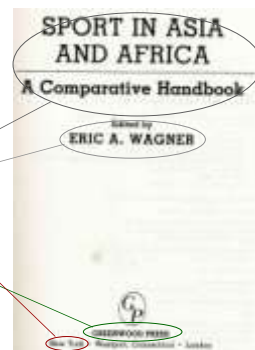
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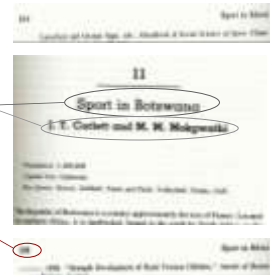
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MLA – Anthology (cont.)

Corlett, J. T., and M. M. Mokgwathi. "Sport in Botswana." *Sport in Asia and Africa: A Comparative Handbook*. Ed. Eric A. Wagner. New York: Greenwood, 1989. 215-28. Print.



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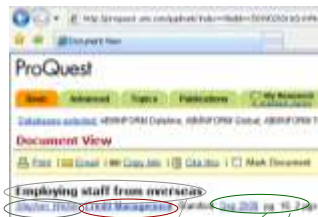
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MLA – Magazine from Online Database

Standard Citation format from magazine from online database:

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Date: Pages. *Database Name*. Web. Date of access.



Weber, Stephan. "Employing Staff from Overseas." *Credit Management* Sept. 2008: 18+. *Database Name*. Web. Date of access.

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Pages – When you have only the beginning page number, give the number followed by plus sign (+). This is because you don't know if the 2 pages are continuous or random throughout the issue but tells the reader there are more than one page. Use n. pag. if no page numbers are given.

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Weber, Stephan. "Employing Staff from Overseas." *Credit Management* Sept. 2008: 18+. *ABI/INFORM*. Web. 13 Oct. 2010.

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Database – ABI/INFORM will indicate the database without listing all three.

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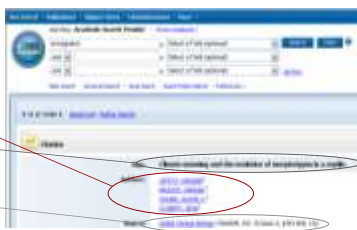
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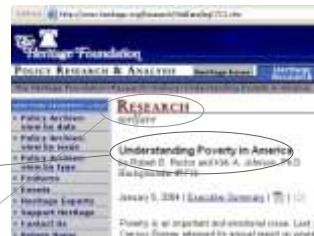
Author(s). "Title of Page." *Name of Web site*. Publisher or Site Sponsor, Date of publication. Web. Date of access.

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Rector, Robert E., and Kirk A. Johnson.
 "Understanding Poverty in America." *Research Welfare*.
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Rector, Robert E., and Kirk A. Johnson.
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