

Jamestown Community College Libraries
A Guide to MLA Documentation

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This guide to the 2003 MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th edition, provides basic information about the MLA style of documenting sources referred to in a research paper. For additional examples and for variations not included in this guide, consult the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. A copy is located at the library's reference desk.

Section I: Citing Print Sources in the Works Cited List

Section II: Citing Electronic Sources in the Works Cited List

Section III: Documenting Sources in the Body of the Paper

Section I: Citing PRINT Sources in the Works Cited List

BOOKS

One, Two or Three Authors--

Goldsmith, Jack L., and Tim Wu. Who Controls the Internet?: Illusions of a Borderless World.
New York: Oxford UP, 2006.

Annotations:
- Title underlined or italicized.
- Year of publication
- City of publication
- Publisher (UP is the standard abbreviation for University Press)
- Publishers' names: Shorten publishers' names, using standard abbreviations and/or MLA guidelines. See *MLA Handbook*, 272-274.

More Than Three Authors--

Monahan, Frances Donovan, et al. Phipps' Medical-Surgical Nursing: Health and Illness Perspectives. 8th ed.
St. Louis: Mosby, 2007.

Annotations:
- And others. Not necessary to list additional authors by name.
- Edition, if not first

Edited Book--

Hurley, Jennifer A., ed. Readings on Flannery O'Connor. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2001.

Corporate Author (a group such as a council, a commission, an association, etc.) --

American Council on Education. American Universities and Colleges. Ed. James J. Murray III. 16th ed.
New York: Gruyter, 2001.

Essay, Article, or Work Within an Anthology or Collection--

Gonzalez, Rosalinda. "Distinctions in Western Women's Experience: Ethnicity, Class, and Social Change." The Women's West. Ed. Susan Armitage. Norman: U of Oklahoma, 1987. 237-252.

Annotations:
- Author of essay
- Title of essay
- Title of anthology
- Editor of anthology

Scholarly Journal Article Reprinted in a Collection--

Nebeker, Helen E. "'The Lottery': Symbolic Tour de Force." American Literature 46.1 (1974): 100-107.
Rpt. in Contemporary Literary Criticism. Ed. Christopher Giroux. Vol. 89. Detroit: Gale, 1995.
227-229.

Annotation:
- Volume 46. Number 1

Book Excerpt Reprinted in a Collection—

Wagner-Martin, Linda. "Gilman's 'The Yellow Wallpaper': A Centenary." Charlotte Perkins Gilman: The Woman and Her Work. Ed. Sheryl L. Meyering. Ann Arbor: U.M.I. Research P, 1989. 51-64. Rpt. in Short Story Criticism. Ed. Janet Witalec. Vol. 62. Detroit: Gale, 2003. 152-159.

Most Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Other Reference Books -- Signed Article

Shehan, Constance L. "Parental Roles." Encyclopedia of Sociology. Ed. Edgar F. Borgatta and Rhonda

J.V. Montgomery. 2nd ed. Vol. 3. New York: Macmillan, 2000.

Include volume number when referencing only one volume of a multivolume work. For additional guidelines, see *MLA Handbook*, p. 167-170.

Most Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Other Reference Books -- Unsigned Article

"Chromatography." Encyclopedia of Forensic Science: A Compendium of Detective Fact and Fiction.

Ed. Barbara Gardner Conklin, Robert Gardner, and Dennis Shortelle. Westport: Oryx, 2002.

An Exception...

Citations for very well-known reference books or encyclopedias such as World Book Encyclopedia *may* be shortened as in the following examples. It should be noted, however, that it is never incorrect to provide the full publication information.

Signed Article—very well-known encyclopedia

Tuma, Elias H. "Land Reform and Tenure." The New Encyclopaedia Britannica. 15th ed. 2007.

Unsigned Article—very well-known encyclopedia

"Solar Energy." The World Book Encyclopedia. 2008 ed.

PERIODICALS (printed)**Magazine Article -- Signed**

Messinger, Eric. "Get the Perfect Part-Time Job." Parents Oct. 2003: 65-72.

Magazine title underlined or italicized.

Date

Pages

Article title in quotes

Mathews, Jay. "The New College Game." Newsweek 1 Sept. 2003: 40-42.

Date includes day.

Magazine Article -- Unsigned

"What's on TV Tonight? Photography!" Popular Photography June 1995: 26+.

Use a plus sign (+) when article is not printed on consecutive pages.

Scholarly Journal with Continuous Pagination

Kon, Alexander A. "Assent in Pediatric Research." Social Work 117.5 (2006): 1806-1810.

Volume 117. Number 5

Continuous pagination

Volume 39. Number 2

Scholarly Journal with Each Issue Paged Separately

Rubin, Lawrence C. "Psychotropia: Medicine, Media, and the Virtual Asylum." Journal of Popular Culture 39.2 (2006): 260-272.

Section indicated by letter, followed by page.

NEWSPAPERS (printed)

Lohr, Steve. "Fighting the Idea That All the Internet Is Free." New York Times 9 Sept. 2003, late ed.: C1+.

McGeehan, Patrick. "Quick: What's the Boss Making?" New York Times 21 Sept. 2003, early ed.:

sec 3: 1+.

Section indicated by number, followed by page.

Wielgaard, Robert. "EU to Query Iran." Post Journal [Jamestown, NY] 26 Aug. 2006: A2.

Give city of publication in brackets if not part of name. *Omit* if newspaper is published nationally--e.g., Wall Street Journal.

Section II: Citing ELECTRONIC Sources in the Works Cited List

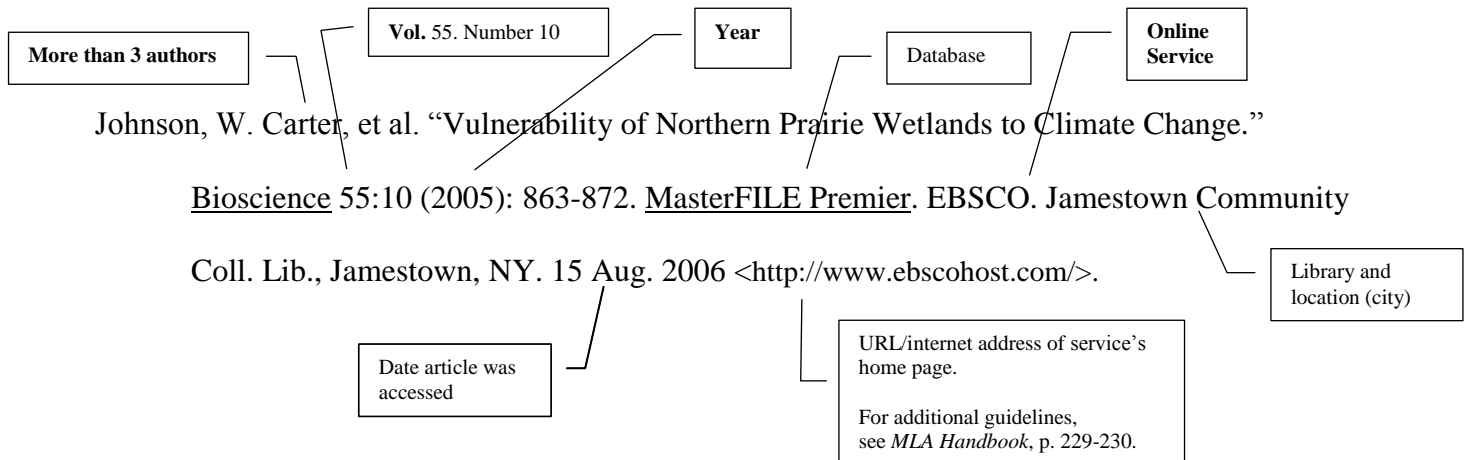
Computerized sources of information must be documented as carefully as print sources, regardless of whether the information has been retrieved from a commercial online vendor such as *ProQuest* or *EBSCOhost*, an Internet web site, or any other electronic source.

Treat a source as "electronic" when it provides the complete text (article, book, encyclopedia, etc.), not just a citation.

THE LIBRARIES' SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES:

A citation for an article taken from an online subscription database will include the same elements required in a citation for a corresponding print source. Additional information, however, is required in order to identify the electronic source.

The following example illustrates a typical citation for a journal article found in one of the libraries' subscription databases. Examples *by database* are provided on the following pages.



SAMPLE CITATIONS FOR JCC'S LIBRARY ONLINE DATABASES

Business and Company Resource Center

Magazine article

Royalty, Doug. "Throwing the Book at Adelphia." Business Week 5 Aug. 2002: 60. Business and Company Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 18 Sept. 2003
 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com/>>.

Journal article

Ayers, Wayne M. "Trade Deficit – The Evil Twin?" ABA Banking Journal 90.5 (1998): 19. Business and Company Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY.
 14 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com/>>.

CountryWatch

Country Review

“Country Review: Afghanistan: Government Structure.” CountryWatch. CountryWatch.com. Jamestown

Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2006 <<http://www.countrywatch.com/>>.

News Article/CountryWire

“Kudrin to Testify in Employee’s Case.” Interfax International, Ltd. June 2006. CountryWatch.

CountryWatch.com. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 22 Aug. 2006

<<http://www.countrywatch.com/>>.

CQ Researcher Online

Clemmitt, Marcia. "Fighting Superbugs." CQ Researcher 17.29 (2007): 673-696. CQ Researcher Online.

CQ Press. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 27 Aug. 2007

<<http://cqpress.com/>>.

EBSCOhost Databases

Academic Search Premier
Business Source Premier
Cinahl Plus
Education Research Complete
General Science Collection

Health Source Consumer Ed.
Health SourceNursing/Acad. Ed
MasterFILE Premier
MasterFILE Select
Military & Gov. Collection

Newspaper Source
Psych. & Behavioral Sciences Collection
Regional Business News
Religion & Philosophy Collection

Use the examples below as guides to citing *all* EBSCOhost Databases, entering the name of the database in which your article was found. All databases produced by EBSCOhost use the same URL (internet address) for MLA documentation.

Magazine article

Gibbs, Nancy, Alice Park, and Dan Cray. “Stem Cells: The Hope and the Hype.” Time 7 Aug. 2006: 40-46.

MasterFILE Premier. EBSCO. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 15 Sept. 2006

<<http://www.ebscohost.com/>>.

EBSCOhost database in which article was found.

Journal article

Stueve, Ann, and Lydia N. O’Donnell. “Early Alcohol Initiation and Subsequent Sexual and Alcohol Risk

Behaviors among Urban Youths.” American Journal of Public Health 95.5 (2005): 887-893.

Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2006

<<http://www.ebscohost.com/>>.

EBSCOhost database in which article was found.

Newspaper article

Include as many of the elements of the following citation as the newspaper database provides.

Sanders, Peter. “Casinos Emerge as Winners in Wake of Hurricane Katrina.” Wall Street Journal 3 Aug. 2006,

Eastern ed.: A1- . Newspaper Source. EBSCO. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY.

10 Sept. 2006 <<http://www.ebscohost.com/>>.

EBSCOhost database in which article was found.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Encyclopedia/Reference Source Article

Newton, David E., and Douglas Dupler. "Wind Energy." Environmental Encyclopedia. Ed. Marci Bortman, et al. 3rd ed. Vol. 2. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale, 2003. 1524-1526. Gale Virtual Reference Library.
Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 3 Sept. 2006 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

Health Reference Center Academic or Health & Wellness Resource Center (Gale)

Magazine article

Dixon, Bruce K. "Bypass Grafting Trumps PCI for Coronary Disease." Family Practice News 1 Mar. 2006: 12- .

Database

Health Reference Center – Academic. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY.

22 July 2006 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

Journal article

Kline, Mark W. "Perspectives on the Pediatric HIV/AIDS Pandemic: Catalyzing Access of Children to

Care and Treatment." Pediatrics 117.4 (2006): 1388- . Health & Wellness Resource Center. Gale.

Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 31 Aug. 2006 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

Database

Use a hyphen, a space, & a period when an online service provides only the first page number.

LexisNexis Academic

Newspaper article

Markhoff, John. "Data Very Hard to Hide From Computer Sleuths." The New York Times 14 Jan. 2002,

late ed. - final: C2. LexisNexis Academic. LexisNexis. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib.,

Section & page

Jamestown, NY. 25 Aug. 2004 <<http://academic.lexisnexis.com/>>.

Newsire Service

Barton, Jill. "Floridians Struggle to Rebuild after Frances as President Signs Relief Bill." The Associated

Press 8 Sept. 2004. LexisNexis Academic. LexisNexis. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown,

NY. 14 Sept. 2004 <<http://academic.lexisnexis.com/>>.

Literature Resource Center

The LRC provides a wealth of information from a variety of sources, including many of the Gale publications as well as articles/excerpts collected from journals and books. Because the sources are so varied, citations will also vary somewhat. Several representative citations are provided below. For other cases, consult the MLA Handbook or talk with a librarian.

NOTE: Citations should include original dates and places of publication, when furnished by the database.

Excerpt from a book, republished in *Literature Resource Center*.

Eisinger, Chester E. "'The Naked and the Dead': Overview." Reference Guide to American Literature.

Ed. Jim Kamp. 3rd ed. St. James, 1994. Literature Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community

Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

NOTE: Citations should include original dates and places of publication, when furnished by the database.

Journal article, reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism* & republished in *Literature Resource Center*.

Maida, Patricia Dinneen. "Convergence in Flannery O'Connor's 'Everything That Rises Must Converge.'" Studies in Short Fiction 7 (1970): 549-55. Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select. Gale. Literature Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 8 Sept. 2008
<<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

Original article in *Poetry for Students*, republished in *Literature Resource Center*.

Meyer, Bruce. "Overview of 'A Red, Red Rose.'" Poetry for Students. Ed. Mary K. Ruby and Ira Mark Milne. Vol. 8. Detroit: Gale, 2000. Literature Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 5 Sept. 2008 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

Original unsigned Gale article in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, republished in *Literature Resource Center*.

"Robert (Lee) Frost." Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select. Gale. Literature Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 9 Sept. 2008 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

Original unsigned Gale article in *Contemporary Authors Online*, republished in *Literature Resource Center*.

"(Mary) Flannery O'Connor." Contemporary Authors Online. Detroit: Gale, 2004. Literature Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 8 Sept. 2008 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

MagillOnLiterature Plus

Madden, David. "'A Rose for Emily'" by William Faulkner. Masterplots II: Short Story Series. Rev. ed. Salem P, 2004. MagillOnLiterature Plus. EBSCO. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 13 Sept. 2006 <<http://www.ebscohost.com/>>.

Hanley, Katherine. "Jane Austen." Cyclopedia of World Authors. Rev. 4th ed. Salem P, 2004. MagillOnLiterature Plus. EBSCO. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 30 Aug. 2006
<<http://www.ebscohost.com/>>.

Opposing Viewpoints

Vreeland, Leslie. "Adult Women Are at Risk of Eating Disorders." Eating Disorders. Opposing Viewpoints Series. Greenhaven, 2001. Rpt. from "Dying to Be Thin--After 30." Good Housekeeping 1 March 1998. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

Street, Katie. "Controlled by Food." Eating Disorders. Contemporary Issues Companion Series. Greenhaven, 1999. Rpt. from "Caloric Confessions." American Fitness January/February 1998. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Gale. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

ProQuest

Magazine article

Sutton, Clare. "Deep Jungle." The Ecologist May 2006: 12. ProQuest. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2006 <<http://www.proquest.com/>>.

Journal article

Hartshorn, Gary S. "Understanding Tropical Forests." Bioscience 56.3 (2006): 264- . ProQuest. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 5 May 2006 <<http://www.proquest.com/>>.

Newspaper

Dionne, E.J., Jr. "Getting Centered in N.Y." The Washington Post 31 Aug. 2004, final ed.: A21. ProQuest. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 9 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.proquest.com/>>.

PsycArticles

Journal article

Correia, Christopher J., and Trisha A. Benson. "The Use of Contingency Management to Reduce Cigarette Smoking among College Students." Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology 14.2 (2006): 171-179. PsycArticles. American Psychological Association. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 11 July 2006 <<http://psycinfo.apa.org/>>.

Science Direct

Journal Article

Slocombe, Katie E., and Klaus Zuberbühler. "Functionally Referential Communication in a Chimpanzee." Current Biology 15.11 (2005):1779-1784. Science Direct. Elsevier. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 12 Aug. 2006 <<http://www.sciencedirect.com/>>.

Twayne's Authors Series

Winchell, Donna Haisty. Alice Walker. Twayne, 1992. Twayne's United States Authors Series Online. Gale. Jamestown Community College Lib., Jamestown, NY. 12 Sept. 2006 <<http://www.gale.cengage.com>>.

OTHER ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Articles from Online Periodicals (i.e., articles accessed by *connecting directly* to the online magazine, journal, or newspaper, *not* by going through a subscription service such as *ProQuest* or *EBSCOhost*).

Magazine

Manzo, Kathleen Kennedy. "PBS Stations to Bring Poetry Festival to the Classroom." Education Week

3 Nov. 1999. 5 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.edweek.org/>>.

Give the URL of a site's search page or its home page if the address of a specific article is too long for practical use.

World Wide Web

IMPORTANT NOTE: To accurately document a source found on the world wide web, it may be necessary to go to the home page of the sponsoring website for elements of the information required for a citation.

An Entire Internet Site

The Perseus Digital Library. Ed. Gregory Crane. Tufts University. 25 June 2004 <<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>>.

Sponsoring institution

Date of access

URL/Internet address

A Document or Work within a Scholarly Project or Information Database on the WWW

"Crossroads of Continents." Arctic Studies Center. William Fitzhugh, Director. Smithsonian Institution.

Title of work

20 Aug. 2004 <<http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/>>.

Title of project

"Faces of Freedom." The Underground Railroad. National Geographic. 20 Aug. 2004

<<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad/hfame.html>>.

Version, if given. Date of electronic publication or update, if given.

A Professional or Personal Site

Gray, Terry A. Mr. William Shakespeare and the Internet. Vers. 4.0. 7 May 2004. 12 Sept. 2004

<<http://daphne.palomar.edu/shakespeare>>.

Benjamin Franklin: A Documentary History. Ed. J.A. Leo Lemay. 1997. U of Delaware. 9 Sept. 2004

<<http://www.english.udel.edu/lemay/franklin/>>.

Publication/Article from an Association or Organization

"Literacy Development in the Preschool Years: A Position Statement of the International Reading Association."

International Reading Association. Jan. 2005. 12 Oct. 2005 <http://www.reading.org/resources/issues/positions_preschool.html>.

Author not given. Position Statement was written by the association.

Zauber, Karen. "Management Tips for New Teachers: Bringing Order to the Classroom." National Education Association. 2003. 12 Oct. 2005 <<http://www.nea.org/classmanagement/begtk030731.html>>.

Section III Documenting Sources in the Body of the Paper

Give credit to all sources from which you have taken information, whether you have directly quoted, paraphrased, or summarized the author's words. *Failing to document your sources constitutes plagiarism.* MLA style calls for briefly identifying a source at the point of reference within the text (body) of your paper. In parentheses, include as specified only the information required to identify the source in the Works Cited list at the end of the paper.

If the author's name is mentioned in your sentence--

In his 1994 study of fifth graders, Howard McKenzie reported that more than half the students tested were reading at or above grade level (121-122).

If the author's name is omitted in your sentence--

A 1994 study of fifth grade students found that more than half the students tested were reading at or above grade level (McKenzie 121-122).

If the work cited has two or three authors--

A parallel study in the suburban Detroit schools reported a positive correlation between parents reading to children and children's reading readiness (Brown and Livingston 289).

If more than one source by the same author is cited--

A five-year follow-up to students' reading levels found that a significant number of students who had been reading below grade level in the fifth grade were still reading below grade level (McKenzie, When Johnny 221).

If the source does not give the name of the author--

Begin with the title. Use the full title if it is brief; otherwise, use a shortened version, disregarding the words *a*, *an*, and *the*.

Book:

Curriculum changes were made in response to a study of reading readiness and gender differences among first graders (Reading 144).

Periodical article:

A Central University study confirmed a negative correlation between reading achievement of primary grade children and number of hours spent watching television ("TV" 37).

If an ELECTRONIC source does not provide page numbers—

*Use paragraph numbers, section numbers or even chapter numbers if they are given (abbreviate *par.*, *sec.*, or *ch.*).

(Goldsmith, par. 7)

(McKenzie, ch. 4, sec. II)

(Johnson, sec. 2)

(Albright, ch. 3, sec. 1)

***If no page, paragraph, section, or chapter numbers are provided, cite the entire work, not just a section of it.**

For additional examples and for cases not covered by this handout, see the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th edition, Chapter 6, "Documentation: Citing Sources in the Text," pages 237-260.