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The following examples illustrate how references to web pages, articles from library databases, and other electronic documents appear in a list of works cited. This guide is not comprehensive; researchers should also consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition). The “Library Help” section of the UMW Libraries’ home page (<http://www.umw.edu/library>) includes a link to websites that offer assistance in citing both print and electronic materials (http://www.umw.edu/library/research/guides_to_library_resource/citing_sources.php).

Footnote or endnote examples are not included in this list. As the *MLA Handbook* points out in chapter 5, section 5.2: “In MLA documentation style, you acknowledge your sources by keying brief parenthetical citations in your text to an alphabetical list of works that appears at the end of the paper.” And as section 6.1 states, “Usually the author’s last name and a page reference are enough to identify the source and the specific location from which you borrowed material.” Using Paul Tolme’s article at the bottom of page 3 of this guide as an illustration, if your research paper included information from page 74 of his article “Wildlife Forensics,” you would document this source in your text with the citation “(Tolme 74).”

Entries in this guide are single-spaced; some professors may prefer double-spaced citations.

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Entire Web Pages

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Arbittier, Doug. *Medical Antiques: Collecting Surgical and Bloodletting Items*. N.p., n.d. Web. 5 Aug. 2009.

Bales, Richard F. *Did the Cow Do It?: A New Look at the Cause of the Great Chicago Fire*. N.p., 12 May 2004. Web. 3 Aug. 2009.

Lynch, Jack. *Literary Resources on the Net*. Rutgers University, 7 Jan. 2006. Web. 5 Aug. 2009.

University of Mississippi English Department. *The Mississippi Writers Page*. University of Mississippi, 9 July 2008. Web. 3 Aug. 2009.

The Wars for Vietnam: 1945-1975. Vassar College, n.d. Web. 3 Aug. 2009.

Witcombe, Christopher L. C. E. *Art History Resources on the Web*. Sweet Briar College, March 2009. Web. 3 Aug. 2009.

Sections of Web Pages

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Johnston, Carol Ann. “Eudora Welty.” *The Mississippi Writers Page*. University of Mississippi, Feb. 2005. Web. 3 Aug. 2009.

Kazarian, Haigazn K. “A Chronology of the Armenian Genocide.” *Armenian National Institute*. Armenian National Institute, n.d. Web. 3 Aug. 2009.

Magazine Articles from Web Pages (Surface Web)

From section 5.6.2 of the *MLA Handbook*: For “web sites sponsored by newspapers and magazines,” include the “publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use N.p.” (no publisher). Also include the date of publication (day, month, and year); if not available, use n.d. (no date). Conclude the citation with the medium of publication (Web) and date of access (day, month, and year). See also section 5.4.6 of the *MLA Handbook*.

Allen, Frederick E. “The Voting Machine Problem: Why the Trouble in Florida Was Bound to Happen.” *American Heritage*. American Heritage Publishing, April 2001. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Cantor, Doug. “Why Does Coke from a Glass Bottle Taste Different?” *Popular Science*. Popular Science, 31 July 2009. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Dowie, Anne. “Mediterranean Reverie.” *Wanderlust: Travel with a Passion*. Salon, 29 March 1999. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

“Heroes: Lindbergh.” *Time*. Time, Inc., 20 June 1927. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Leydon, Joe. “John Wayne: Classic Films, Family Memories 30 Years after His Death.” *Cowboys and Indians*. Cowboys and Indians, July 2009. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Magazine Articles from Limited-Access Databases

From section 5.6.4 of the *MLA Handbook*: “A periodical article on the Web may not include page numbers. If possible, give the inclusive page numbers or, when pagination is not continuous, the first page number and a plus sign; if pagination is not available, use n. pag.” (no pagination). Conclude the citation with the title of the database (italicized), the medium of publication (Web), and the date of access (day, month, and year). See also section 5.4.6 of the *MLA Handbook*.

Holly, Tricia A. “Packing Them In: Selling Travel-Related Merchandise Such As Luggage Can Attract More Clients and Generate More Sales.” *Travel Agent* 27 May 2002: n. pag. *Factiva*. Web. 11 June 2009.

Tolme, Paul. “Wildlife Forensics.” *Popular Mechanics* December 2007: 72-75. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 17 June 2009.

“Washington’s Parties.” *Time* 31 December 1984: 17. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Williams, Sherry J. “Five Faces of Discrimination.” *Minority Business Entrepreneur* 31 October 2001: 48. *Ethnic NewsWatch*. Web. 17 June 2009.

Journal Articles from Web Pages (Surface Web)

From “A Scholarly Journal,” section 5.6.3 of the *MLA Handbook*: “Most scholarly journals on the Web are organized by volume number (usually on an annual basis) and include issue numbers and the dates of publication.” When citing a journal article, also include the page numbers; if no pagination, use n. pag. Conclude the citation with the medium of publication (Web) and date of access (day, month, and year). See also section 5.4.2 of the *MLA Handbook*.

Falconer, Marianne, and Desmond O’Neill. “Profiling Disability Within Nursing Homes: A Census-Based Approach.” *Age and Ageing* 36.2 (2007): 209-13. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

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Scerri, Eric R. “The Ambiguity of Reduction.” *Hyle: International Journal for Philosophy and Chemistry* 13.2 (2007): 67-81. Web. 17 June 2009.

West, David. “Speculative Historicism.” *Histos: The Electronic Journal of Ancient Historiography* 4 (2000): n. pag. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Journal Articles from Limited-Access Databases

From “A Periodical Publication in an Online Database,” section 5.6.4 of the *MLA Handbook*: “A periodical article on the Web may not include page numbers. If possible, give the inclusive page numbers or, when pagination is not continuous, the first page number and a plus sign; if pagination is not available, use n. pag.” (no pagination). Conclude the citation with the title of the database (italicized), the medium of publication (Web), and the date of access (day, month, and year). See also section 5.4.2 of the *MLA Handbook*.

Gantz, Jeffrey. “Clandestine Schooling and Education Among Jews During the Holocaust.” *Journal of Curriculum and Supervision* 16.1 (2000): 48-69. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 9 July 2009.

Gibbs, Patty. “Accreditation of BSW Programs.” *Journal of Social Work Education* 31.1 (1995): 4-16. *Education Full Text*. Web. 15 July 2009.

Huey, Laura. “Policing the Abstract: Some Observations on Policing Cyberspace.” *Canadian Journal of Criminology* 44.3 (2002): 243-54. *Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection*. Web. 9 July 2009.

Robertson, James I., Jr. “The Christian Soldier: General Thomas J. ‘Stonewall’ Jackson.” *History Today* 53.2 (2003): n. pag. *Humanities International Complete*. Web. 9 July 2009.

Newspaper Articles from Web Pages (Surface Web)

From section 5.6.2 of the *MLA Handbook*: For “web sites sponsored by newspapers and magazines,” include the “publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use N.p.” (no publisher). Also include the date of publication (day, month, and year); if not available, use n.d. (no date). Conclude the citation with the medium of publication (Web) and date of access (day, month, and year). See also section 5.4.5 of the *MLA Handbook*, which states that “if the city of publication is not included in the name of a locally published newspaper, add the city in square brackets, not italicized, after the name.”

Arave, Lynn. “Church-State Issues Keep the ACLU Busy.” *Deseret News* [Salt Lake City]. Deseret News Publishing Co., 10 Aug. 2002. Web. 19 Oct. 2002.

Morse, Rob. “Giant Burgers Are This Season’s Tastiest Meat.” *San Francisco Chronicle*. Hearst Communications, Inc., 18 Oct. 2002. Web. 23 Oct. 2002.

“Reid Says Senate Will Extend ‘Clunkers’ This Week.” *Wall Street Journal*. Dow Jones and Co., 4 Aug. 2009. Web. 9 Aug. 2009.

Strobel, Jennifer. “Walking Together Forever.” *Free-Lance Star* [Fredericksburg, VA]. Free Lance-Star Publishing Co., 7 July 2002. Web. 15 Oct. 2002.

Newspaper Articles from Limited-Access Databases

From section 5.6.4 of the *MLA Handbook*: “A periodical article on the Web may not include page numbers. If possible, give the inclusive page numbers or, when pagination is not continuous, the first page number and a plus sign; if pagination is not available, use n. pag.” Conclude the citation with the title of the database (italicized), the medium of publication (Web), and the date of access (day, month, and year). See also section 5.4.5 of the *MLA Handbook*, which states that “if the city of publication is not included in the name of a locally published newspaper, add the city in square brackets, not italicized, after the name.”

Clonmel, Chris Dooley. “Waste Incinerator Plan for Golden Vale Opposed.” *Irish Times* [Dublin] 18 June 2002: n. pag. *Factiva*. Web. 9 July 2009.

Curry, George E. “Moving Beyond Meaningless Celebrations.” *Miami Times* 28 May 2002: 9A. *Ethnic NewsWatch*. Web. 9 July 2009.

Jett, Cathy. “Getting Used to Postal Rates’ New Shape.” *Free-Lance Star* [Fredericksburg] 12 July 2007: n. pag. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Shipley, Sara. “Homely Missouri Cave Fish Is Candidate for Protection of Endangered Species Act.” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* 16 June 2002: C9. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web. 9 July 2009.

Book Reviews from Web Pages (Surface Web)

Romer, F. E. Rev. of *Art and Archaeology of Rome: From Ancient Times to the Baroque*, by Andrea Augenti. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 3.5 (2001): n. pag. Web. 23 Oct. 2002.

Book Reviews from Limited-Access Databases

Signed review in a journal:

Gruenwald, Kim M. Rev. of *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*, by Joseph J. Ellis. *Journal of Southern History* 68.2 (2002): 440-41. *JSTOR*. Web. 9 July 2009.

Unsigned review in a magazine:

Rev. of *Byron in Love: A Short Daring Life*, by Edna O'Brien. *Publishers Weekly* 6 April 2009: 40. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Online Reference Works (e.g., Dictionaries and Encyclopedias)

"Bunker Hill, Battle of." *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2009. Web. 4 Aug. 2009

"J. K. Rowling." *Contemporary Authors Online*. Gale, 2009. Web. 4 Aug. 2009.

Woodress, James. "Willa Cather." *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. Gale, 1981. 4 Aug. 2009.

Video Recordings

See "A Film or a Video Recording," section 5.7.3 of the *MLA Handbook*. A citation includes the italicized title, "the director, the distributor, the year of release, and the medium consulted." You may also include other data, such as actors' names, "between the title and the distributor."

Dracula. Dir. Tod Browning. Perf. Bela Lugosi. 1931. Universal Pictures, 2006. DVD.

Pulp Fiction. Dir. Quentin Tarantino. Perf. John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, and Tim Roth. 1994. Buena Vista Home Video, 1995. VHS.

Symphony No. 35. By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Cond. Georg Solti. 1986. Sony Classical, 1986. VHS.

Sound Recordings

From “A Sound Recording,” section 5.7.2 of the *MLA Handbook*: “In an entry for a commercially available recording, which person is cited first (e.g., the composer, conductor, ensemble, or performer) depends on the desired emphasis.” Include the title of the recording, the artist or artists, the manufacturer, and the year of issue. Use n.d. (no date) if the year is unknown.

Galaxie 500. *On Fire*. Rykodisc, 1997. CD.

Pickin’ on Garth Brooks: A Tribute. CMH Records, 2000. CD.

Interviews and Email Communications

Bailey, Flora G. Message to the author. 13 July 2009. E-mail.

Bailey, Flora G. Personal interview. 14 July 2009.

Dougherty, Elizabeth T. “Re: Symbolism in Novel.” Message to John B. Baker. 13 Jan. 2008. E-mail.

Meacham, Jon. Interview by Charlie Rose. *The Charlie Rose Show*. PBS. WETA, Washington, D.C. 19 May 2009. Television.

Morris, Willie. Interview by Rebecca Bain. *The Fine Print*. Natl. Public Radio. WPLN-FM, Nashville. 15 Jan. 1998. Radio.

Blogs

The seventh edition of the *MLA Handbook* does not provide rules for citing blogs (unfortunately, although blogs are listed in the book’s index, no examples are given). The following entry is a best-guess attempt at a citation, based on examinations of MLA style.

Och, Marjorie. “Interpretation of Art and Museum Practices.” *Methods of Art History Blog*. Dept. of Art and Art History, U of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA. 28 Jan. 2009. Web. 13 July 2009.

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