

MLA Review Sheet

What is MLA?

The Modern Language Association (MLA) is a format style for citation and has been used mostly within the liberal arts and humanities, especially in writing on language and literature.

It is more concise and user-friendly than other styles due to its use of brief parenthetical citations within the text; these citations then associate to an alphabetical list within a Works Cited list at the end of a paper/work.

TRIO Quest activities encourages the use of the MLA format for citation as it makes it easy to find sources for verification.

For more information on MLA, go to:

<http://www.mla.org/style> - Modern Language Association

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/> - Purdue's MLA Formatting and Style Guide

NOTE: MLA modified its Work Cited format style to take effect in April 2009. You can find these changes in *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition).

Here are a few of the changes.

- Titles are no longer underlined; italicize all titles
- URL's are no longer necessary for website citation UNLESS it makes it easier to find the source
- EVERY ENTRY needs the medium of the publication listed; e.g., Print for hardcopy and Web for online information. Other possibilities are DVD, TV, Performance, etc.
- New Abbreviations for web source entries; e.g., N.p. for no publisher, n.d. for no date, n.pag. for no pagination

Please check [Purdue's MLA site](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/) (listed above) for more information on 2009 changes.

MLA Format

Books:

Author(s). Title of Book. City Where Published: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Online Newspaper and Magazine Articles:

Author(s). "Title of Article." Title of Source. Publisher Day Month Year. Print. Access Day Month Year.

Scholarly Journal Articles:

Example Print article

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*. Volume.Issue (Month Year): pages. Print.

Example Online article

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*. Volume.Issue (Month Year): n.pag. Web. Access Day Month Year.

Web Sites:

Author(s). *Name of Web Page*. Date of posting/revision. Name of institution/corporation affiliated with the site. Web. Access Day Month Year. <electronic address if needed for easy access>.

Online Articles:

Author(s). "Article Title." *Title of Resource*. Date of publication/update/posting. Web. Access Day Month Year <Electronic address if needed for easy access>.

Television or Radio:

"Episode Title." *Title of Program*. Title of series. Name of network. Station call letters, City. Broadcast Day Month Year.

Interviews:

Name of person interviewed. Type of interview. Print. Day Month Year.

Lecture or Speech:

Lecturer name. "Title of Lecture/Speech". Organization/Department. Place of lecture, City, State. Print. Day Month Year.

Photograph of Artwork:

Creator(s). *Title of piece*. Museum where original displayed, City. *Title of book*. By book author if different. Publisher city: Publisher name. Date. Page. Print.

Photo sharing:

Owner User Name. "Title of Photo". *Title of Source*. Name of Source. Web. Day Month Year accessed. <Elec address if needed for easy access>.