

## Basic Forms for Periodical Articles (Scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers)

### A periodical article (such as a newspaper or magazine) in print [MLA 5.4.5 & 5.4.6]

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: pages. Print.

#### Magazine or newspaper article in print [MLA 5.4.5 & 5.4.6]

Kolbert, Elizabeth. "Greening the Ghetto." *New Yorker* 12 Jan. 2009: 22-28. Print.

Nachtigal, Jeff. "Stimulus Funds Already Shot." *Bakersfield Californian* 12 May 2009: A1+. Print.

**Note:** When an article is not on consecutive pages, use a + sign immediately after the page number.

#### Article with no author named in print [MLA 5.4.9]

"U.N. Human Rights Council Admits U.S." *Los Angeles Times* 13 May 2009: A21. Print.

### A periodical article (such as a newspaper or magazine) from an online database [MLA 5.6.4]

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: pages. *Title of Database*. Database Provider. Web. Day Month Year of access.

#### Example:

Postel, Virginia. "The Truth about Beauty." *Atlantic Monthly* Mar. 2007: 125-27. *Academic Search Premier*. EBSCO. Web. 13 May 2006.

**Note:** The database provider is not specifically required by MLA but adds clarity to the citation. The BC English department has stipulated its inclusion in citations from online databases. When page numbers are over 100, drop the first numeral/s of the last page in the range, unless the pagination would be unclear.

### A scholarly journal article in print [MLA 5.4.2]

Author(s). "Title of Article: Complete with Subtitle." *Title of Journal* volume number.issue number(year of publication): pages. Print.

#### Example:

Putrevu, Sanjay. "Consumer Responses toward Sexual and Non-Sexual Appeals." *Journal of Advertising* 37.2 (2008): 57-69. Print.

### A scholarly journal article from an online database [MLA 5.6.4]

Author(s). "Title of Article: Complete with Subtitle." *Title of Journal* volume number.issue number(year or publication): pages. *Title of database*. Database Provider. Web. Day Month Year of access.

**Note:** The database provider is not specifically required by MLA but adds clarity to the citation. The BC English department has stipulated its inclusion in citations from online databases.

### Article from a journal with one author from an online database [MLA 5.6.4]

Bessenoff, Gayle R. "Can the Media Affect Us? Social Comparison, Self-Discrepancy, and the Thin Ideal." *Psychology of Women Quarterly* 30.3 (2006): 239-51. *Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection*. EBSCO. Web. 13 May 2009.

### Article from a journal with two authors from an online database [MLA 5.5.4]

Pelizzon, Penelope, and Nancy M. West. "Multiple Indemnity: Film Noir, James M. Cain, and Adaptations of a Tabloid Case: The Disappearing Death Chamber." *Narrative* 13.3 (2005): 211-37. *Expanded Academic ASAP*. Gale. Web. 13 May 2009.

**Note:** The second name is NOT inverted. In any entry, only the initial name is inverted.

### Article from a journal with more than three authors from an online database [MLA 5.5.4]

Grieve, Frederick G., et al. "Correlates of Social Physique Anxiety in Men." *Journal of Sport Behavior* 31.4 (2008): 329-37. *Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection*. EBSCO. Web. 14 May 2009.

## Basic Forms for Books

### A book [MLA 5.5]

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

#### Book with one author in print [MLA 5.5.2]

Davidson, D. Kirk. *Selling Sin: The Marketing of Socially Unacceptable Products*. Westport: Praeger, 2003. Print.

**Note:** The addition of the "medium" (i.e. Print) is a new feature in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

#### E-Book from the Bakersfield College EBSCO eBook Collection [MLA 5.6.2.c]

Patterson, Anita. *Race, American Literature and Transnational Modernisms*. New York: Cambridge UP, 2008. *eBook Collection*. EBSCO. Web. 14 May 2009.

**Note:** Like a citation for an article from an online source, a citation for a book should also include the title of the database in italics, the word Web, and the day, month, year of access. Also note in the citation above that UP is the abbreviation for University Press.

#### Book with more than one author (but less than four) [MLA 5.5.4]

Gilbert, Sandra M., and Susan Gubar. *The Madwoman in the Attic: The Woman Writer and the Nineteenth-Century Imagination*. New Haven: Yale UP, 1979. Print.

**Note:** The second author's name is not inverted.

#### Book with a corporate author [MLA 5.5.5]

American Psychological Association. *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington: APA, 2001. Print.

### A part of a book (such as an article in a collection) in print

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor's Name(s). City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Pages. Print.

#### Article from an encyclopedia or reference book [MLA 5.5.7]

Candelaria, Cordelia Chavez. "La Malinche." *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Latino Literature*. Ed. Nicolas Kanellos. Vol. 2. Westport: Greenwood, 2008. Print.

**Note:** If you are using only one volume of a reference set, specify the volume you used. If the reference book is arranged alphabetically, no page numbers are needed.

#### Article from a well-known reference work [5.5.7]

"United States Population." *The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2009*. 2009. Print.

### Article, essay, or other work in a collection or anthology [MLA 5.5.6]

Olsen, Tillie. "Tell Me a Riddle." *The Norton Anthology of Literature by Women: The Traditions in English*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Ed. Sandra M. Gilbert and Susan Gubar. New York: Norton, 1996. 1702-27. Print.

### Multiple Selections from an edited collection or anthology (Cross-references) [MLA 5.3.6]

Baker, C. Edwin. "Implications of Rival Visions of Electoral Campaigns." Bennett and Entman 342-61. **(Note:** Cross references do not end with the word Print.)

Bennett, W. Lance, and Robert M. Entman, eds. *Mediated Politics: Communication in the Future of Democracy*. New York: Cambridge UP, 2004. Print. **(Note:** Anthology)

Carpini, Michael X. Delli, and Bruce A. Williams. "Let Us Infotain You." Bennett and Entman 160-81. **(Note:** Cross reference)

### Article or other work first published in a book retrieved from an online database [MLA 5.6.2.c]

"T.S. Eliot." *Concise Dictionary of American Literary Biography: The Age of Maturity, 1929-1941*. n.p.: Gale, 1989. *Biography Resource Center*. Gale. Web. 14 May 2009.

**Note:** The database did not provide the city of publication, so n.p. is used, meaning "no place."

### Basic Forms for Internet-only or Web-only Sources [MLA 5.6.2]

Author(s). "Title of Work." *Title of Overall Web Site*. Sponsor, institution or organization that publishes the site; if none, use n.p. (for "no publisher"). Date of Posting/Revision; if none, use n.d. (for "no date"). Web. Day Month Year of access.

**Note:** If no author is specified, list the web page by title. If the title of the work and the title of the overall web site are the same, specify it only once, using italics.

### Article from an Internet site [MLA 5.6.2.b]

Martin, Philip. "Guest Worker Programs for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." *Center for Immigration Studies*. CIS. Apr 2000. Web. 14 May 2009.

### Article from an Internet Site with no author named [MLA 5.6.2.b]

"Why the NAFTA Highway?" *FAIR: Restoring Common Sense to America's Immigration System*. Federation for American Immigration Reform. n.d. Web. 14 May 2009.

### Article from on online scholarly journal [MLA 5.6.3]

Shah, Parilah Mohd, and Fauziah Ahmad. "Comparative Account of the Bilingual Education Programs in Malaysia and the United States." *GEMA Online Journal of Language Studies* 7.2(2007): 63-77. Web. 14 May 2009.

**Note:** This entry borrows from the format for scholarly journals. If there are no pages numbers specified, use N. pag.

### Abbreviations for missing information in citations [MLA 5.5.24]

n.p.	No place of publication given	n.p.	No publisher given
n.d.	No date of publication given	N. pag.	No pagination given

### Other common abbreviations [MLA 7.1-7.7]

UP University Press [MLA 7.5], i.e. U of California P or Yale UP

All months (except May, June, and July) are abbreviated. [MLA 7.2]



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## MLA\* Works Cited Guidelines

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## Format Guidelines for Works Cited:

- Double-space the list of Works Cited.
- One space follows a period, but two spaces are also acceptable. Be consistent throughout the entire paper.
- Use a hanging indent format (First line is flush left; all other lines are indented .5 inch. In MS Word, USE Format→Paragraph→Hanging Indent.).
- On the works cited page, alphabetize the entries by the authors' last names (Last name, First name).
- If the source has more than one author, only invert the first author's name.
- If no author is listed, list the source in alphabetical order by title.
- Capitalize each word in titles (except articles, prepositions, and conjunctions – unless one is the first word of a title or subtitle).
- *Italicize* titles of books, journals, magazines, etc. (Underlining is no longer acceptable.)
- Use quotation marks around the titles of articles in journals, magazines, and parts of web pages.
- Entries now specify the "medium" of the resource: If it appears in print, "Print" is specified at the end of the entry. If it was found on the internet, "Web" is specified, followed by the date of access.
- While the 7<sup>th</sup> edition does not specify that database providers be included in citations for online databases, the Bakersfield College English department has stipulated the inclusion of this information in citations for the sake of clarity. So the names of database providers, such as EBSCO and Gale, should follow the database title.

## Bakersfield College Library (Handout revised May 2009)

*The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7<sup>th</sup> edition) provides extensive examples covering a wide variety of sources. If your particular case is not covered in this brochure, use the basic forms to determine the correct format or consult the *MLA Handbook* [Ref. LB 2369 .G53 2009]. There are links to useful MLA citation style web pages at <<http://www.bakersfieldcollege.org/library/cite.asp>>.