

MLA 2009 Updates

The two major changes to MLA format for works cited entries are (1) MLA now requires indication of medium of publication and (2) we no longer have to provide URLs for sources found on the Internet or in library databases (unless a source would be impossible to find without one). The medium of publication (Print, DVD, TV etc.) will be at the very end of an entry with the exception of Internet or library database sources. In those cases, the date of access will follow the word Web.

The other changes are that MLA now explicitly recommends italics over underlining, asks for the volume and issue number for scholarly journals that are continuously paginated as well as those that begin each issue with page one, and asks for new abbreviations to be added for material from Internet sites that omit publication dates (n. d. for no date), omit publishers' names (N. p. for no publisher), and for online journals that appear only online (no print version) or on databases that do not provide pagination (n. pag. for no pagination).

Sample Entries

Single Work from an Anthology

Joyce, James. "Araby." *Portable Literature: Reading, Reacting, Writing*. Ed. Laurie G. Kirsznner and Stephen R. Mandell. 5th ed. Boston: Wadsworth, 2004. 181-86. Print.

Multiple Works from an Anthology

Ibsen, Henrik. *A Doll House*. Kirsznner and Mandell 640-95.

Joyce, James. "Araby." Kirsznner and Mandell 181-86.

Kirsznner, Laurie G., and Stephen R. Mandell, eds. *Portable Literature: Reading, Reacting, Writing*. 5th ed. Boston: Wadsworth, 2004. Print.

Article from a Scholarly Journal (With or Without Continuous Pagination)

Sadoff, Ira. "Oleana Kalytiak Davis and the Retro-New." *American Poetry Review* 35.4 (2006): 11-15. Print.

Article or Story from a Weekly or Biweekly Magazine

Erdrich, Louise. "Demolition." *New Yorker* 25 Dec. 2006/1 Jan. 2007: 70-81. Print.

Article from a Monthly or Bimonthly Magazine

Robbins, Alexandra. "Powerful Secrets." *Vanity Fair* July 2004: 119+. Print.

Article from a Magazine in a Library Database

"All on the Mind; Cognitive Enhancement." *Economist* 24 May 2008, U.S. ed.: n. pag. *LexisNexis* Web. 20 Jan. 2009.

Newspaper Article Published Online

Murphy, Kim. "British Accuse Ex-KGB Agent in Poisoning Death." *Los Angeles Times* 22 May 2007. Web. 2 Feb. 2009.

Essay Republished on a Website

Orwell, George. "Politics and the English Language." *Shooting an Elephant and Other Essays*. London: Secker and Warburg, 1950. N. pag. George Orwell's Library. 24 July 2004. Web. 30 Apr. 2008.