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Documenting Your Research Using MLA Style (6th Ed.)

A Book With One Author

Basic format:

Author's Last name, First name. Title of the Book. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Wilson, Frank R. The Hand: How Its Use Shapes the Brain, Language, and Human Culture. New York: Pantheon, 1998.

A Book With Two Or More Authors

Basic format:

Author's Last name, First name, Author's First name Last name, and Author's First name Last name. Title of the Book. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Eggins, Suzanne, and Diana Slade. Analyzing Casual Conversation. London: Cassell, 1997.

An Article in a Familiar Reference Book

Basic format:

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Reference Book. edition. date of publication.

Example:

Hong, Maria. "Guatemalan Americans." Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America. 5th ed. 2000.

An Article in a Less Familiar Reference Book

Basic format:

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Title of Reference Book. Editor. # vol. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

La Patourel, John. "Normans and Normandy." Dictionary of the Middle Ages. Ed. Joseph R. Strayer. 13 vols. New York: Scribner's, 1987.

An Article in an Anthology

Example One:

Chinn, Sarah E. "Feeling Her Way: Audre Lorde and the Power of Touch." GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies 9 (2003): 181-204. Rpt. in Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism. Ed. Thomas J. Schoenberg and Laurence J. Trudeau. Vol. 173. Detroit: Gale, 2006. 123-136.

Example Two:

Bean, Michael J. "The Endangered Species Act Is Effective." Endangered Species: Opposing Viewpoints. Ed. Brenda Stalcup. San Diego: Greenhaven, 1996. 73-79. Rpt. of "Naysayers Downplay Species Act Successes." Insight. 30 May 1994.

A Scholarly Journal Article

Basic format:

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Journal Title volume number (year of publication): page numbers.

Example:

Craner, Paul M. "New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music." Computers and the Humanities 25 (1991): 303-13.

A Magazine Article

Basic format:

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Magazine Title Date Month Year: page numbers.

Example:

Weintraub, Arlene, and Laura Cohen. "A Thousand-Year Plan for Nuclear Waste." Business Week 6 May 2002: 94-96.

An Online Magazine Article

Basic format:

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." Magazine Title volume number year of publication: page numbers. Database name. Name of service. Database location. Date retrieved <URL>.

Example:

Koretz, Gene. "Uh-Oh, Warm Water." Business Week 21 July 1997: 22. MasterFile Premier. EbscoHost. Cerritos College Lib., Norwalk, CA. 17 Sep. 2003 <<http://search.ebscohost.com/>>.

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