

# Cerritos College Library

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## Documenting Your Research Using MLA Style (7<sup>th</sup> ed.)

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### BOOKS

#### A Book with One Author

**Basic format:**

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

**Example:**

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

#### A Book with Two or More Authors

**Basic format:** (for multiple authors, only reverse the first author's name)

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. Medium of publication.

**Example:**

Eggs, Suzanne, and Diana Slade. *Analyzing Casual Conversation*. London: Cassell, 1997.  
Print.

#### A NetLibrary Electronic Book

**Basic format:**

Author's Last name, First name. *Title of the Book*. *Title of the overall Web site*. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication. Medium of publication. Date of access.

**Example:**

Moldwin, Mark. *Introduction to Space Weather*. NetLibrary. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008. Web. 4 September 2009.

## An Electronic Book from the Web

### **Basic format:**

Author's Last name, First name. *Title of the Book*. *Title of the overall Web site*. Place of Publication: Publisher, date of publication. Medium of publication. Date of access.

### **Example:**

Shakespeare, William. *Macbeth*. *Project Guttenberg*. Champaign, IL: Project Guttenberg Literary Archive Foundation, 1998. Web. 4 September 2009.

## 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. Medium of publication.

### **Example:**

Hong, Maria. "Guatemalan Americans." *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2000. Print.

## 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. Medium 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. Print.

## An Article in an Anthology

### **Basic format:**

Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor's Name(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page range of entry. Medium of Publication.

### **Example One:**

Gaines, Ernest J. "The Sky Is Gray." *The Oxford Book of the American South: Testimony, Memory, and Fiction*. Ed. Edward L. Ayers and Bradley C. Mittendorf. New York: Oxford, 1997. 492-516. Print.

## An Article in an Anthology

**Example Two:** (reprinted article)

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. Print.

## PERIODICALS

### A Print Scholarly Journal Article

**Basic format:**

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

**Example:**

Craner, Paul M. "New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music." *Computers and the Humanities* 25. 5 (1991): 303-13. Print.

### A Scholarly Journal Article from a Database

**Basic format:**

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title* volume number, Issue number (year of publication): inclusive page numbers. Source of database. Medium of publication. Date of access.

**Example:**

May, Lisa D. "The Backfiring of the Domestic Violence Firearms Bans." *Columbia Journal of Gender and the Law* 14. 1 (2005): 1. *GenderWatch*. Web. 8 Sept. 2009.

### A Print Magazine Article

**Basic format:**

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Magazine Title* Day Month Year: page numbers. Medium of publication.

**Example:**

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

## A Magazine Article from a Database

### **Basic Format:**

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." *Name of publication* including volume number (year of publication) page number(s). *Name of database*. Medium of publication.  
Date of access.

### **Example:**

Horowitz, Alexandra. "My Dog Is Smarter Than Your Dog." *Discover* 29 (2008): 71.  
*MasterFile Premier*. Web. 8 Sept. 2009.

## An Article from an Online Magazine (not from a database)

### **Basic format:**

Author's last name, First name. "Article name." *Title of web magazine*, Publisher Name,  
Date of Publication: page-page. Medium of publication,, Date of access.

### **Example:**

Bianchi, Stephanie. "Peerless Pathways to Find Peer Reviews." *Online* 33, 4, July/August  
2009: n.p. Web, 08 Sept. 2009.

## **ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES**

### A Web Site

#### **Basic format:**

Name of web site. Date of posting. Name of organization associated with the site. Date you  
Accessed the site. [web address].

#### **Example:**

Cerritos College Library. 2009. Cerritos College. 17 September 2009.  
[www.cerritos.edu/library].

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