

CITING IN MLA STYLE

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This one-page guide focuses on citing sources in a *Works Cited* page, or bibliography. MLA style also dictates how sources are cited *in-text* (in the body of a paper). The examples in this handout are from the Diana Hacker online guide, and cover the most commonly cited types of sources – books, articles, and websites. For help with in-text citation and citing other types of sources, visit the [Hacker website](#), refer to the MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing (available on reserve at the library), or ask a librarian.

BOOKS

With an author:

author: last name first	book title	city of publication	publisher
Sacks, Oliver.	<i>Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain.</i>	New York:	Knopf,
date	medium		
2007.	Print.		

With an editor or editors:

Begin with the editor's name. For one editor, use "ed." (for "editor") after the name; for multiple editors, use "eds." (for "editors").

Lago, Mary, Linda K. Hughes, and Elizabeth MacLeod Walls, eds. *The BBC Talks of E. M.*

Forster, 1929-1960. Columbia: U of Missouri P, 2008. Print.

ARTICLE FROM AN ONLINE DATABASE (e.g. Academic Search Premier)

author of source: last name first	title of article	journal title	volume, issue	year	page numbers
Heyen, William.	"Sunlight."	<i>American Poetry Review</i>	36.2	(2007):	55-56. <i>Expanded</i>
database name	medium	date of access: inverted			
Academic ASAP.	Web.	24 Sept. 2009.			

ARTICLE FROM A PRINT JOURNAL

author: last name first article title
Blackburn, Robin. "Economic Democracy: Meaningful, Desirable, Feasible?"
journal title volume, year page range medium
Daedalus 136.3 (2007): 36-45. Print.

ARTICLE FROM A PRINT NEWSPAPER

author: last name first article title newspaper title date: day + month + year
McKenna, Phil. "It Takes Just One Village." *New York Times* 23 Sept. 2008,
name of edition page medium
New England ed.: D1. Print.

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date of access: inverted
24 Jan. 2009.

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Margaret Sanger Papers Project. History Dept., New York U, 18 Oct. 2000. Web.
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