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]


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]

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:

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.issuenumber(year of publication): pages. Print.

Example:

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

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 two authors from an online database [MLA 5.5.4]

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]

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]

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

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

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]

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

Book with a corporate author [MLA 5.5.5]

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 work [MLA 5.5.7]

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

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.)
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]

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.u. (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]

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

Article from an online scholarly journal [MLA 5.6.3]

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]