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- **For a book with one author:**

Author's last name, first name. *Book Title*. Place of publication: publisher, copyright date. Format.

Example:

Bode, Janet. *The Colors of Freedom: Immigrant Stories*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1999. Print.

- **For a book with more than one author:**

First author's last name, first name, and second author's first name, last name. *Book Title*. Place of publication: publisher, copyright date. Format.

Example:

Strunk, William, and E.E. White. *The Elements of Style*. Toronto: Macmillan, 1959. Print.

- **For a book compiled by an editor:**

Editor's last name, first name. (ed). *Book Title*. Place of publication: publisher, copyright date. Format.

Example:

Laney, Dawn, ed. *Down Syndrome*. Detroit: Greenhaven Press, 2008. Print.

- **For a book compiled by more than one editor:**

Editor's Last name, first name and 2nd editor's first name, last name. *Book Title*. Place of publication, publisher, copyright date. Format.

Kontos, Louis, and David C. Brotherton, eds. *Encyclopedia of Gangs*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2008. Print.

- **For a magazine article or newspaper with an author given:**

Author's last name, first name. "Article Title." *Magazine Title* Date of magazine, page number(s). Format.

Example:

Duncan, David Ewing. "The Pollution Within." *National Geographic* Oct. 2006: 116-135. Print.

- **For a magazine article or newspaper with no author given (alphabetize by title):**

"Article Title." *Magazine Title* Date of magazine: page number(s). Format.

Example:

"Lessons Pay Off for Meerkat Pups." *American Scientist* Sept.-Oct. 2006: 411. Print.

- **For an encyclopedia article with an author given:**

Author's last name, first name. "Article Title." *Encyclopedia name*. Volume number. Place of Publication: Publisher, Edition year. Format.

Example:

Chase, Philander. "George Washington." *World Book Encyclopedia*. Vol. 21. Chicago: World Book, 2003. Print.

- **For an encyclopedia article with no author given (alphabetize by title):**

"Article title." *Encyclopedia name*. Volume number. Place of Publication: Publisher, edition year. Format.

Example:

"Bagpipe." *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Vol. 1. Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, 2002. Print.

NONPRINT Sources:

- **For a Magazine article from an Online Database:**

Author's last name, first name. "Article Title." *Magazine Name* date of issue, page number(s) if given. Name of Database used. Format. Date accessed. Path to article (not required by MLA, usually required by instructor).

Example:

Layton, Laura. "Eye for Clouds." *Astronomy* Oct. 2006: 29. *Science Resource Center*. Web. 31 Aug. 2009. <<http://find.galegroup.com>>.

- **For a Newspaper article from an Online Database:**

Author's last name, first name. "Article Title." *Name of Newspaper* date, page and/or section. Database. Format. Date accessed. Path to article (not required by MLA, usually required by instructor).

Example:

Williams, Preston. "Westfield is Quietly Winning." *Washington Post* 7 Apr. 2006: E12. *Newspaper Source*. Web. 31 Aug. 2009. <<http://web.ebscohost.com/>>.

- **For Web sites with an author given:**

Author's last name, first name. "Homepage title." *Name of Website*. Sponsoring organization or institution, date of creation or last updated. Format. Date of access. <<http://address/path/filename>> (not required by MLA, usually required by instructor).

Example:

WBDG Staff. "Libraries." *Libraries: Whole Building Design Guide*. National Institute of Building Sciences, 2009. Web. 31 Aug. 2009. <<http://www.wbdg.org/design/libraries.php>>.

- **For Web sites with no author given:**

"Homepage title." *Name of Website*. . Name of organization or sponsoring institution. Date of creation or last updated. Format. Date of access. <<http://address/path/filename>> (not required by MLA, usually required by instructor).

Example:

"Pluto." *Pluto - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*. Wikimedia Foundation, 29 Aug. 2009. Web. 31 Aug. 2009. <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pluto>>.

- **Poem from an Online Text or Electronic Book (such as Poetry for Students):**

Author. "Title of Poem." *Title of Source*. Editor(s) of original print source. City of publication: publisher, date of original source publication. Page number(s). *Name of database*. Format. Date accessed. <<http://address/path/filename>> (not required by MLA, usually required by instructor).

Example:

Frost, Robert. "Mending Wall." *Poetry for Students*. Ed. Mary K. Ruby. Detroit: GALE, 1999. 230--244. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 1 Sept. 2009. <<http://go.galegroup.com>>.

- **Article from CultureGrams Online:**

"Slovakia." *CultureGrams Online Edition*. ProQuest, 2009. Web. 1 Sep 2009.

- **Article from CQ Researcher (online):**

Hansen, Brian. "Combating Plagiarism: Is the Internet Causing More Students to Copy?" *CQ Researcher* 13.32 (2003): 773-796. *CQ Researcher Online*. Web. 1 Sept. 2009. <<http://library.cqpress.com>>.

- **For a personal interview conducted by you:**

Last name, first name (of person interviewed). Type of Interview. Date.

Example:

Smith, John. Personal interview. 2 Sept. 2008.

- **For a Sound Recording:**

Artist. "Title of Song." *Title of Entire Recording*. Artist or Composer (if known). Manufacturer. Year Recording was issued. Format.

Example of sound recording:

Tune Weavers. "Happy, Happy Birthday Baby." *The Rock "N" Roll Era: 1957*. Time-Life, Warner, 1987. CD.

- **Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph (online)**

Last name or group/corporation, First name. *Title or description of artwork*.

Year artwork was created. Name of museum/collection, or individual who owns the artwork, Museum/collection location. *Name of web site or online database*. Format. Date of Access. <<http://unique web address>>.

- **Image from an online database example:**

"Colosseum's Libitina Gate." Image. *World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras*. ABC-CLIO, 2010. Web. 11 June 2010. <<http://www.ancienthistory.abc-clio.com>>.

- **Television or Radio Program**

"Title of episode or segment." *Title of program or series*. Name of TV or radio network (ex.: PBS). Call letters of broadcasting station (ex.: WNET), City of local station, Date of broadcast. Television.

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