

This guide to the 2003 MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, provides basic information about the MLA style of documenting sources referred to in a research paper. For additional examples and for variations not included in this guide, consult the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, located at the library's reference desk.

**Section I: Citing Print Sources in the Works Cited List**

Refer to Section I when citing traditional *printed sources*: books, magazines, journals, and newspapers.

**Section II: Citing Electronic Sources in the Works Cited List**

Refer to Section II when citing *sources retrieved from a computer*—articles from magazines, journals, newspapers, encyclopedias, etc., available through online subscription services such as *ProQuest*, *InfoTrac OneFile*, or *EBSCOhost*.

Refer to Section II, also, when citing an *Internet source* other than a library subscription database.

**Section III: Documenting Sources in the Body of the Paper**

Refer to Section III for guidelines to the approved MLA style of giving credit to sources as they are referenced *within* the body of the paper.

**Section I: Citing PRINT Sources in the Works Cited List**

**BOOKS**

**One, Two or Three Authors--**

Pearson, Judy C., and Paul E. Nelson. An Introduction to Human Communication: Understanding and

Title underlined or italicized.

Sharing. 8th ed. Boston: McGraw, 2000.

Year of publication

Edition, if not first

City of publication

Publisher

**Publishers' names:**  
Shorten publishers' names, using standard abbreviations and/or MLA guidelines. See *MLA Handbook*, 272-274.

**More Than Three Authors--**

Tucker, Susan Martin, et al. Patient Care Standards: Collaborative Planning and Nursing

Interventions. St. Louis: Mosby, 2000.

And others. Not necessary to list additional authors by name.

**Edited Book--**

Hurley, Jennifer A., ed. Readings on Flannery O'Connor. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2001.

**Corporate Author (a group such as a council, a commission, an association, etc.) --**

American Council on Education. American Universities and Colleges. Ed. James J. Murray III. 16<sup>th</sup> ed.

New York: Gruyter, 2001.

**Essay, Article, or Work Within an Anthology or Collection--**

Gonzalez, Rosalinda. "Distinctions in Western Women's Experience: Ethnicity, Class, and Social

Title of essay

Author of essay

Change." The Women's West. Ed. Susan Armitage. Norman: U of Oklahoma, 1987. 237-252.

Title of anthology

Editor of anthology

**Scholarly Journal Article Reprinted in a Collection--**

Nebeker, Helen E. "'The Lottery': Symbolic Tour de Force." American Literature 46.1 (1974): 100-107.

Volume 46. Number 1

Rpt. in Contemporary Literary Criticism. Ed. Christopher Giroux. Vol. 89. Detroit: Gale, 1995.

227-229.

**Book Excerpt Reprinted in a Collection—**

Wagner-Martin, Linda. "Gilman's 'The Yellow Wallpaper': A Centenary." Charlotte Perkins Gilman: The Woman and Her Work. Ed. Sheryl L. Meyering. Ann Arbor: U.M.I. Research P, 1989. 51-64. Rpt. in Short Story Criticism. Ed. Janet Witalec. Vol. 62. Detroit: Gale, 2003. 152-159.

**Most Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Other Reference Books -- Signed Article**

Shehan, Constance L. "Parental Roles." Encyclopedia of Sociology. Ed. Edgar F. Borgatta and Rhonda J.V. Montgomery. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Vol. 3. New York: Macmillan, 2000.

Include volume number when referencing only one volume of a multivolume work. For additional guidelines, see *MLA Handbook*, p. 167-170.

**Most Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Other Reference Books -- Unsigned Article**

"Chromatography." Encyclopedia of Forensic Science: A Compendium of Detective Fact and Fiction. Ed. Barbara Gardner Conklin, Robert Gardner, and Dennis Shortelle. Westport: Oryx, 2002.

**An Exception...**

Citations for very well-known reference books or encyclopedias such as World Book Encyclopedia may be shortened as in the following examples. It should be noted, however, that it is never incorrect to provide the full publication information.

**Signed Article—very well-known encyclopedia**

Freier, George D. "Gyroscope." The Encyclopedia Americana. 1999 ed.

**Unsigned Article—very well-known encyclopedia**

"Solar Energy." The World Book Encyclopedia. 2002 ed.

**PERIODICALS (printed)****Magazine Article -- Signed**

Messinger, Eric. "Get the Perfect Part-Time Job." Parents Oct. 2003: 65-72.

Magazine title underlined or italicized.

Date

Pages

Article title in quotes

Mathews, Jay. "The New College Game." Newsweek 1 Sept. 2003: 40-42.

Date includes day.

**Magazine Article -- Unsigned**

"What's on TV Tonight? Photography!" Popular Photography June 1995: 26+.

Use a plus sign (+) when article is not printed on consecutive pages.

**Scholarly Journal with Continuous Pagination**

Golden, Gail, and Phyllis B. Frank. "When 50-50 Isn't Fair: The Case Against Couple Counseling in Domestic Abuse." Social Work 39 (1994): 636-637.

Volume 39

Volume 26. Number 3

**Scholarly Journal with Each Issue Paged Separately**

Magistrale, Tony. "Wild Child: Jim Morrison's Poetic Journeys." Journal of Popular Culture 26.3 (1992): 133-134.

## NEWSPAPERS (printed)

Lohr, Steve. "Fighting the Idea That All the Internet Is Free." New York Times 9 Sept. 2003, late ed.: C1+.

Section indicated by letter, followed by page.

McGeehan, Patrick. "Quick: What's the Boss Making?" New York Times 21 Sept. 2003, early ed.:

sec 3: 1+.

Section indicated by number, followed by page.

Whittaker, John. "Development Continues with New McDonald's." Post Journal [Jamestown, NY]

10 Sept. 2003: C1.

Give city of publication in brackets if not part of name. *Omit* if newspaper is published nationally--e.g., Wall Street Journal.

## Section II: Citing ELECTRONIC Sources in the Works Cited List

Computerized sources of information must be documented as carefully as print sources, regardless of whether the information has been retrieved from a commercial online vendor such as *ProQuest* or *InfoTrac OneFile*, a CD-ROM database, an Internet web site, or any other electronic source.

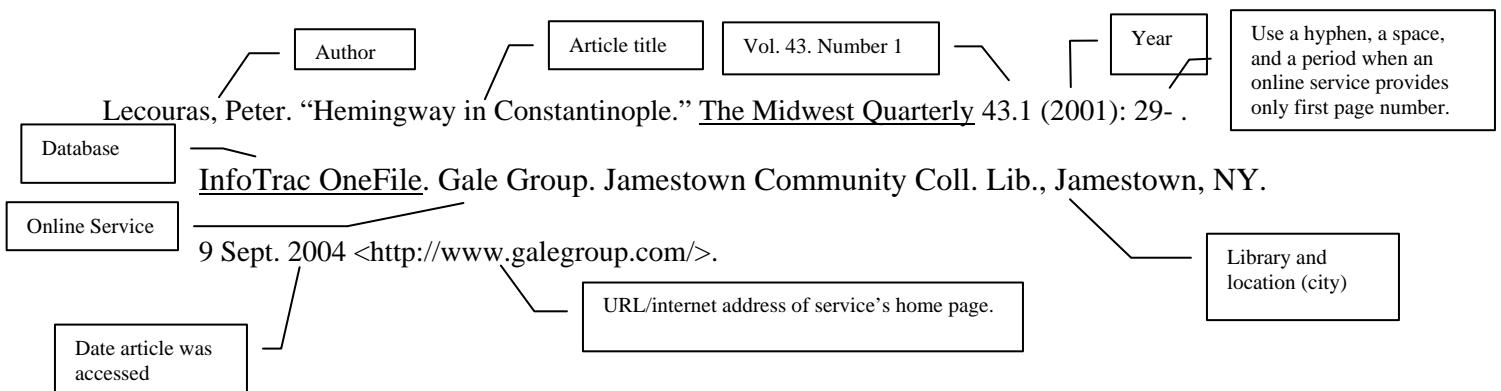
*Treat a source as "electronic" when it provides the complete text (article, book, encyclopedia, etc.), not just a citation.*

### THE LIBRARY'S SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES:

A citation for an article taken from an online subscription database will include the same elements required in a citation for a corresponding print source. Additional information, however, is required in order to identify the electronic source.

As a general rule, include the following elements in the order given, if they are provided:

- Author, if given. If the author is not named, begin with article title.
- Article title, in quotation marks.
- Periodical title (journal, magazine, newspaper), underlined or italicized.
- Publication date. If the periodical is a journal, also include volume and issue number, as given.
- Page numbers, if available. If only the number of the first page of an article is provided, give that page number followed by a hyphen, a space, and a period. (For example, 121- .)
- Name of the database, underlined or italicized. (For example, InfoTrac OneFile)
- Name of service or publisher of database. (For example, Gale Group and EBSCOhost)
- Name of subscribing library providing access to service. (Jamestown Community Coll. Lib.)
- City where library is located. (Jamestown, NY, or Olean, NY)
- Date you accessed the cited article. (For example, 14 Sept. 2004).
- URL/Internet address of the online subscription service's **home page**. Note: URLs/Internet addresses are subject to change.



## SAMPLE CITATIONS FOR JCC'S LIBRARY ONLINE DATABASES

### Business and Company Resource Center

#### Magazine article

Royalty, Doug. "Throwing the Book at Adelphia." Business Week 5 Aug. 2002: 60. Business and Company Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 18 Sept. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

Each issue page separately.

#### Journal article

Ayers, Wayne M. "Trade Deficit – The Evil Twin?" ABA Banking Journal 90.5 (1998): 19. Business and Company Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 14 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

### CountryWatch

#### Country Review

"Country Review 2004: Afghanistan: Government Structure." CountryWatch. CountryWatch.com. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.countrywatch.com/>>.

#### News Article/CountryWire

"Kazakhstan To Investigate Terrorist Transit Routes." Interfax International, Ltd. 10 Sept. 2004. CountryWatch. CountryWatch.com. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 14 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.countrywatch.com/>>.

### EBSCOhost—Masterfile Select

#### Magazine article

Arndt, Michael, and Catherine Arnst. "Zapping the Zebra Mussel with Radio Waves." Business Week 17 Sep. 2001: 103. Masterfile Select. EBSCOhost. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 15 Sept. 2003 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

#### Journal article

Dochy, Filip. "New Assessment Forms in Problem-based Learning: The Value-Added of the Students' Perspective." Studies in Higher Education 26 (2001): 327- . Masterfile Select. EBSCOhost. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Oct. 2003 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Continuous pagination.

Use a hyphen, a space, and a period when an online service provides only the first page number of an article.

### EBSCOhost—General Science Collection

Follow examples above for EBSCOhost Masterfile Select; substitute General Science Collection as the title of the database. All EBSCOhost databases use the same URL (internet address) for MLA documentation.

## **Expanded Academic ASAP**

Follow examples below for InfoTrac OneFile; substitute Expanded Academic ASAP as the title of the database. All databases produced by the Gale Group use the same URL (internet address) for MLA documentation.

## **Gale Virtual Reference Library**

### **Encyclopedia/Reference Source Article**

Newton, David E., and Douglas Dupler. "Wind Energy." Environmental Encyclopedia. Ed. Marci Bortman, et al. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Vol. 2. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale, 2003. 1524-1526. Gale Virtual Reference Library. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 13 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

## **Health Reference Center**

### **Magazine article**

Harrar, Sari, and Paula Rasich. "Beat Diabetes BEFORE It Starts." Prevention Nov. 2001: 140- . Health Reference Center – Academic. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 22 Sept. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

### **Journal article**

Henley, Eric. "What FPs Need to Know about West Nile Virus Disease." Journal of Family Practice 52 (2003): 711- . Health Reference Center – Academic. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 21 Aug. 2004 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

## **InfoTrac OneFile**

### **Magazine article**

Comarow, Avery. "Keep Fit for Life by Matching Your Training to Your Age." U.S. News & World Report 25 Sep. 2000: 62. InfoTrac OneFile. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 28 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

### **Journal article**

Mignault, Alain, and Avi Chaudhuri. "The Many Faces of a Neutral Face: Head Tilt and Perception of Dominance and Emotion." Journal of Nonverbal Behavior 27.2 (2003): 111- . InfoTrac OneFile. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 22 Sept. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

## **LexisNexis Academic**

### **Newspaper article**

Markhoff, John. "Data Very Hard to Hide From Computer Sleuths." The New York Times

14 Jan. 2002, late ed. - final: C2. LexisNexis Academic. LexisNexis. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 25 Aug. 2004 <<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/>>.

### **Newsire Service**

Barton, Jill. "Floridians Struggle to Rebuild after Frances as President Signs Relief Bill." The Associated Press. 8 Sept. 2004. LexisNexis Academic. LexisNexis. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 14 Sept. 2004 <<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/>>.

### **Literature Resource Center**

The LRC provides a wealth of information from a variety of sources, including many of the Gale publications as well as articles/excerpts collected from journals and books. Because the sources are so varied, citations will also vary somewhat. Several representative citations are provided below. For other cases, consult the MLA Handbook or talk with a librarian.

#### **Excerpt from a book, republished in *Literature Resource Center*.**

Eisinger, Chester E. "'The Naked and the Dead': Overview." Reference Guide to American Literature. Ed. Jim Kamp. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. St. James, 1994. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

#### **Journal article, reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism* & republished in *Literature Resource Center*.**

Maida, Patricia Dinneen. "Convergence in Flannery O'Connor's 'Everything That Rises Must Converge.'" Studies in Short Fiction. 7 (1970): 549-55. Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 24 Sept. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

#### **Original article in *Poetry for Students*, republished in *Literature Resource Center*.**

Meyer, Bruce. "Overview of 'A Red, Red Rose.'" Poetry for Students, Vol. 8. Gale Group, 2000. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 24 Sept. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

#### **Original unsigned Gale article in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, republished in *Literature Resource Center*.**

"Robert (Lee) Frost." Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 24 Sept. 2003 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

### **MagillOnLiterature Plus**

Haisty, Donna B. "'Barn Burning,'" by William Faulkner. Masterplots II: Short Story Series. Salem P, 1986. MagillOnLiterature Plus. EBSCO. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 13 Sept. 2004 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Hanley, Katherine. "Jane Austen." Cyclopedia of World Authors. Rev. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Salem P, 1997. MagillOnLiterature Plus. EBSCO. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 30 Aug. 2004 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

## **Opposing Viewpoints**

Vreeland, Leslie. "Adult Women Are at Risk of Eating Disorders." Eating Disorders. Opposing Viewpoints Series. Greenhaven, 2001. Rpt. from "Dying to Be Thin--After 30." Good Housekeeping. 1 March 1998. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

Street, Katie. "Controlled by Food." Eating Disorders. Contemporary Issues Companion Series. Greenhaven, 1999. Rpt. from "Caloric Confessions." American Fitness. January/February 1998. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. Gale Group. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 10 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

## **ProQuest**

### **Magazine article**

Teinowitz, Ira. "Violence Revisited." Advertising Age. 3 Dec. 2001: 3- . ProQuest. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 12 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.proquest.com/>>.

### **Journal article**

De Rycker, Teun. "Analyzing Tables, Graphs, and Charts: A Four-Step Approach." Business Communication Quarterly 64.4 (2001): 72- . ProQuest. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 5 Aug. 2004 <<http://www.proquest.com/>>.

### **Newspaper**

Dionne, E.J., Jr. "Getting Centered in N.Y." The Washington Post 31 Aug. 2004, final ed.: A21. ProQuest. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 9 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.proquest.com/>>.

## **PsycArticles**

### **Journal article**

Parrott, Andy C. "Does Cigarette Smoking Cause Stress?" American Psychologist. 54 (1999): 817-820. PsycArticles. American Psychological Association. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 11 July 2004 <<http://psycinfo.apa.org/>>.

## **Science Direct**

### **Journal Article**

Call, Josep. "Representing Space and Objects in Monkeys and Apes." Cognitive Science. 24 (2000): 397-422. Science Direct. Elsevier. Jamestown Community Coll. Lib., Jamestown, NY. 12 Oct. 2005 <<http://www.sciencedirect.com/>>.

## Twayne's Authors Series

Ferlazzo, Paul. J. Emily Dickinson. Twayne, 1976. Twayne's United States Authors Series Online. Gale Group. Jamestown Community College Lib., Jamestown, NY. 12 Sept. 2004 <<http://www.galegroup.com/>>.

## OTHER ELECTRONIC SOURCES

**Articles from Online Periodicals** (i.e., articles accessed by *connecting directly* to the online magazine, journal, or newspaper, *not* by going through a subscription service such as *ProQuest* or *InfoTrac OneFile*).

### Magazine

Manzo, Kathleen Kennedy. "PBS Stations to Bring Poetry Festival to the Classroom." Education Week

3 Nov. 1999. 5 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.edweek.org/>>.

Give the URL of a site's search page or its home page if the address of a specific article is too long for practical use.

## World Wide Web

### An Entire Internet Site

The Perseus Digital Library. Ed. Gregory Crane. Tufts University. 25 June 2004 <<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>>.

Sponsoring institution

Date of access

URL/Internet address

### A Document or Work within a Scholarly Project or Information Database on the WWW

"Crossroads of Continents." Arctic Studies Center. William Fitzhugh, Director. Smithsonian Institution.

Title of work

20 Aug. 2004 <<http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/>>.

Title of project

"Faces of Freedom." The Underground Railroad. National Geographic. 20 Aug. 2004

<<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad/hfame.html>>.

Version, if given. Date of electronic publication or update, if given.

### A Professional or Personal Site

Gray, Terry A. Mr. William Shakespeare and the Internet. Vers. 4.0. 7 May 2004. 12 Sept. 2004

<<http://daphne.palomar.edu/shakespeare>>.

Benjamin Franklin: A Documentary History. Ed. J.A. Leo Lemay. 1997. U of Delaware. 9 Sept. 2004

<<http://www.english.udel.edu/lemay/franklin/>>.

### Publication/Article from an Association or Organization

"Literacy Development in the Preschool Years: A Position Statement of the International Reading Association."

International Reading Association. Jan. 2005. 12 Oct. 2005 <[http://www.reading.org/resources/issues/positions\\_preschool.html](http://www.reading.org/resources/issues/positions_preschool.html)>.

Author not given. Position Statement was written by the association.

Zauber, Karen. "Management Tips for New Teachers: Bringing Order to the Classroom." National Education Association. 2003. 12 Oct. 2005 <<http://www.nea.org/classmanagement/begtk030731.html>>.



### Section III Documenting Sources in the Body of the Paper

Give credit to all sources from which you have taken information, whether you have directly quoted, paraphrased, or summarized the author's words. *Failing to document your sources constitutes plagiarism.* MLA style calls for briefly identifying a source at the point of reference within the text (body) of your paper. In parentheses, include as specified only the information required to identify the source in the Works Cited list at the end of the paper.

#### If the author's name is mentioned in your sentence--

In his 1994 study of fifth graders, Howard McKenzie reported that more than half the students tested were reading at or above grade level (121-122).

#### If the author's name is omitted in your sentence--

A 1994 study of fifth grade students found that more than half the students tested were reading at or above grade level (McKenzie 121-122).

#### If the work cited has two or three authors--

A parallel study in the suburban Detroit schools reported a positive correlation between parents reading to children and children's reading readiness (Brown and Livingston 289).

#### If more than one source by the same author is cited--

A five-year follow-up to students' reading levels found that a significant number of students who had been reading below grade level in the fifth grade were still reading below grade level (McKenzie, When Johnny 221).

#### If the source does not give the name of the author--

Begin with the title. Use the full title if it is brief; otherwise, use a shortened version, disregarding the words *a*, *an*, and *the*.

##### Book:

Curriculum changes were made in response to a study of reading readiness and gender differences among first graders (Reading 144).

##### Periodical article:

A Central University study confirmed a negative correlation between reading achievement of primary grade children and number of hours spent watching television ("TV" 37).

#### If an ELECTRONIC source does not provide page numbers—

\*Use paragraph numbers, section numbers or even chapter numbers if they are given (abbreviate *par.*, *sec.*, or *ch.*).

(Goldsmith, par. 7)

(McKenzie, ch. 4, sec. II)

(Johnson, sec. 2)

(Albright, ch. 3, sec. 1)

\*If no page, paragraph, section, or chapter numbers are provided, cite the entire work, not just a section of it.

For additional examples and for cases not covered by this handout, see the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Chapter 6. "Documentation: Citing Sources in the Text," pages 237-260.