



# MLA STYLE ELECTRONIC & MULTIMEDIA SOURCES

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## ELECTRONIC SOURCES

### Double Space Citations

**NOTE:** If your instructor requires a URL for electronic sources, include the URL, enclosed in angle brackets, at the end of the entry. When a URL must be divided at the end of a line, break it after a slash. Do not insert a hyphen.

Example: <<http://www.blakearchive.org/blake/>>

**I. ELECTRONIC BOOK, single author:** Include these elements in the following order. *(MLA 5.5.1 & 5.6.2c)*

- Author, editor, compiler, or translator (period)
- Title of the book in *italics* (period)
- City of publication (colon), name of publisher (comma), year of publication (period)
- Title of the database or Web site in *italics* (period)
- Medium of publication, "Web" (period)
- Date of access (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July.

Norman, Richard. *The Moral Philosophers*. New York: Oxford UP, 1998. *NetLibrary*. Web.

14 Aug. 2001.

**II. WEB SITE**

**A. Short Work from a Web Site:** Include these elements in the following order. *(MLA 5.6.2b)*

- Author, compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator, if available (period)
- Title of short work in "quotation marks" (period)
- Title of main Web site in *italics* (period). If no title, write "Home page" in "quotation marks."
- Version or edition, if applicable (period)
- Publisher or sponsor of the site (comma). If none, use the abbreviation, *N.p.*
- Date of publication or latest update, if available (period). If no date, use the abbreviation *n.d.*
- Medium of publication, "Web" (period)
- Date of access (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July.

**Example with Author**

Shiva, Vandana. "Bioethics: A Third World Issue." *NativeWeb*. NativeWeb, n.d. Web. 22 Jan. 2007.

### Example with No Author

"Living Old." *Frontline*. PBS, 21 Nov. 2006. Web. 19 Jan. 2007.

#### **B. Entire Web Site:** Include these elements in the following order. *(MLA 5.6)*

- Author, compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator, if available (period)
- Title of the Web site in *italics* (period)
- Version or edition, if applicable (period)
- Publisher or sponsor of the site (comma). If none, use the abbreviation, *N.p.*
- Date of publication or latest update, if available (period). If no date, use the abbreviation *n.d.*
- Medium of publication, "Web" (period)
- Date of access (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July

### Example

*Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site*. National Park Service, 11 Feb. 2003. Web.

13 Feb. 2003.

#### **Example of a Government Publication** *(MLA 5.5.20 & 5.6)* **w/ Corporate Author (issuing agency)** *(MLA 5.5.5)*

United States. Dept. of Transportation. Natl. Highway Traffic Safety Administration. *An Investigation of the Safety Implications of Wireless Communications in Vehicles*. Natl. Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Nov. 1999. Web. 20 May 2008.

#### **C. Online Articles Available on the Web** *(not from library subscription database)*: Refer to the handout *MLA Style Electronic Databases* for guidelines citing articles from the library's electronic databases.

##### **1. Scholarly Journal Article:** Include these elements in the following order. *(MLA 5.4.2+ & 5.6.3)*

- Author (period)
- Title of article in "quotation marks" (period)
- Name of journal in *italics*
- Volume & issue number (if any) in decimal format & year in parentheses (colon)
- Use the abbreviation *n. pag.* Only include page numbers if they are inclusive.
- Medium of publication, "Web" (period)
- Date of access (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July.

### Example

Belau, Linda. "Trauma and the Material Signifier." *Postmodern Culture* 11.2 (2001): n. pag.

Web. 20 Feb. 2009.

**2. Magazine Article:** Include these elements in the following order. *(MLA 5.4.6 & 5.6.2)*

- Author (period)
- Title of article in “quotation marks” (period)
- Name of magazine in *italics*
- Name of sponsor or publisher of Web site (comma). If none, use the abbreviation *N.p.*
- Date of publication (period). Day, month, & year as available. Do not cite vol. or issue #.  
Abbreviate months except for May, June, July.
- Page numbers often not available online. Do not include.
- Medium of publication, “Web” (period)
- Date of access (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July.

**Example**

Tyre, Peg. “Standardized Tests in College?” *Newsweek*. *Newsweek*, 16 Nov. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

**3. Newspaper Article:** Include these elements in the following order. *(MLA 5.4.5 & 5.6.2)*

- Author (period)
- Title of article in “quotation marks” (period)
- Name of newspaper in *italics*
- Name of sponsor or publisher of Web site (comma). If none, use the abbreviation *N.p.*
- Date of publication (period). Day, month, & year. Abbreviate months except for May, June, July.
- Page numbers often not available online. Do not include.
- Medium of publication, “Web” (period)
- Date of access (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July.

**Example**

Rubin, Joel. “Report Faults Charter School.” *Los Angeles Times*. *Los Angeles Times*, 22 Jan. 2005. Web.  
24 Jan. 2009.

## MULTIMEDIA SOURCES

### Double Space Citations

#### I. DVD, Film or Video: Include these elements in the following order. (MLA 5.7.3)

- Title in *italics* (period)
- Director, "Dir." (period)
- Lead actors, "Perf." or narrator, "Narr." (period)
- Distributor (comma)
- Year of film's release (period)
- Medium of publication; for example, "DVD," "Film," "Videocassette" (period)

#### Example of a DVD

*It's a Wonderful Life*. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. RKO, 1946. DVD.

#### Example of a Film in a Theatre

*The Hours*. Dir. Stephen Daldry. Perf. Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, and Nicole Kidman. Paramount, 2002. Film.

#### II. SOUND RECORDINGS: CD, Audiocassette, LP (MLA 5.7.2)

##### A. Entire Sound Recording: Include these elements in the following order:

- Name of person you want to emphasize: composer "Comp." conductor "Cond." or performer "Perf." (period)
- For a long work, give the title in *italics* (period)
- Names of pertinent artists (such as performers, readers, or musicians) and the orchestra and conductor, if relevant (period)
- Manufacturer (comma)
- Date (period)
- Medium of publication (period); for example, "CD" "Audiocassette" "LP"

#### Example

Bizet, Georges. *Carmen*. Perf. Jennifer Laramore, Thomas Moser, Angela Gheorghiu, and Samuel Ramey. Bavarian State Orch. and Chorus. Cond. Giuseppe Sinopoli. Warner, 1996. CD.

##### B. Specific Song from a Sound Recording: Include the elements above, but put "quotation marks" around the title of the song.

#### Example

Blige, Mary J. "Be without You." *The Breakthrough*. Geffen, 2005. CD.

**III. RADIO, TELEVISION, ONLINE PROGRAM:** Include these elements in the following order: **(MLA 5.7.1)**

**A. Program on Radio or Television**

- Title of the radio segment or television episode, if there is one, in “quotation marks” (period)
- Title of the program or series in *italics* (period)
- Relevant information about the program, such as the writer “By,” director “Dir.,” performers “Perf.,” narrator “Narr.,” or host “Host” (period)
- Network (period)
- Local station, if any (comma)
- Location (comma)
- Date of broadcast (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July
- Medium of publication (period); for example, “Television” or “Radio” (period)

**Example**

“New Orleans.” *American Experience*. Narr. Jeffrey Wright. PBS. WGBH, Boston, 12 Feb. 2007. Television.

**B. Program Online:** Note the network, title of the Web site, medium “Web”, and date of access after the information about the program.

**Example**

“Elif Shafak: Writing under a Watchful Eye.” *Fresh Air*. Host Terry Gross. Natl. Public Radio. *NPR.org*.  
Web. 22 Feb. 2007.

**IV. ONLINE VIDEO CLIPS:** Include these elements in the following order: **(MLA 5.6.2d)**

- Title of the work in “quotation marks” (period)
- Author, compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator (period)
- Title of Web site in *italics* (period)
- Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use *N.p.* (comma)
- Date of publication. Format is (day, month, & year). If no date, use the abbreviation *n.d.* (period)
- Medium of Publication “Web” (period)
- Date of access (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July

**Example**

“The Green Children Visit China. YouTube.” Green Children Foundation, prod. YouTube, 7 Jan. 2008. Web.  
28 June 2008.

V. **PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** Include these elements in the following order: *(MLA 5.7.7)*

- Person interviewed (period)
- Indicate “Personal Interview” or “Telephone Interview” (period)
- Date of Interview (period). Format is (day, month, & year). Abbreviate months except for May, June, July

**Example**

Obama, Barack. Personal interview. 14 July 2009.