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Core Elements of MLA 9th Ed. Citations

Element	Punctuation
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Other contributors, [directed by, illustrated by, edited by, etc.]	,
Version, [edition]	,
Number, [volume and issue]	,
Publisher,	,
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Location. [page number or range of pages, URL, DOI, or physical location of source]	.
Date of access. [if applicable]	.

Examples of MLA 9th Ed. Citations

Book, single author

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
Gould, Sloane. <i>Body Shaming and Body image Issues</i> . Cavendish Square, 2022.	(Gould 45)
Kortemeier, Todd. <i>The O. J. Simpson Murder Case</i> . Edited by Charly Haley, ABDO Publishing, 2020.	(Kortemeier 58)
Weatherfield, Carole Boston. <i>Voice of Freedom: Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement</i> . Illustrated by Ekna Holmes, Candlewick Press, 2015.	(Weatherfield 72)

Book, two authors

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
Higgins, Melissa, and Michael Regan. <i>Cybersecurity</i> . ABDO Publishing, 2016.	(Higgins and Regan 23)

Book, three or more authors

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
Chant, Christopher, et al. <i>World War II: Land, Sea & Air Battles 1939-1945</i> . Octopus, 1978.	(Chant et al. 61)

Book, editor as author

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
Bloom, Harold, editor. <i>John Cheever</i> . Chelsea House, 2004.	(Bloom 59)

Chapter or Section of a book (no author)

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
"Pearl Harbor." <i>The New Grolier Encyclopedia of World War II</i> , edited by Rimmel Nunn, vol. 3, Grolier Educational Corporation, 1999, pp. 8-27.	("Pearl Harbor" 21)

Chapter or Section of a book (with an author)

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
Bragg, Billy. "Social Networking Sites Should Pay Royalties to Artists." <i>The Music Industry</i> , Greenhaven Press, 2009, pp. 107-111.	(Bragg 109)

Article from a Database (2 containers)

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
Semeniuk, Ivan. "Root of Change: Tree Rings Reveal 120 Years of Human Influence on Climate." <i>The Globe and Mail</i> , 2 May 2019. <i>ProQuest; eLibrary</i> , https://explore.proquest.com/elibrary/document/2218028301?accountid=64601 .	(Semeniuk)
Bender, Susan, and Karen Miller. "Role of Police: The Rhetoric of Law and Order." <i>New Socialist</i> , Sept. 2000. <i>ProQuest; SIRS Issues Researcher</i> , https://explore.proquest.com/sirsissuesresearcher/document/2250294758?accountid=64601 .	(Bender and Miller)
"Let's Have a Real Gun Debate." <i>The Weekly Standard</i> , vol. 23, no. 6, 16 Oct. 2017, pp. 6-6,8. <i>ProQuest; eLibrary</i> , https://explore.proquest.com/elibrary/document/1951910651?accountid=64601 .	("Let's")

Article from an E-Book (2 containers)

Works Cited Entry	In-Text Citation
MacMillan, Kathy. "What Is Bipolar Disorder?" <i>Understanding Bipolar Disorder</i> , BrightPoint Press, 2021, pp. 12-27. <i>Mental Health Guides. Gale eBooks</i> , link.gale.com/apps/doc/CX8074100006/GVRL?u=dinw1813&sid=bookmark-GVRL&xid=3277d845 .	(MacMillan 15)

Soumerai, Eve, and Carol Schulz. <i>Daily Life during the Holocaust, 2nd Edition</i> . Greenwood, 2009. ABC-CLIO, publisher.abc-clio.com/9780313353093.	(Soumerai and Schultz 135)
The New York Times Editorial Staff. <i>Activist Athletes: When Sports and Politics Mix</i> . E-book ed., New York Times Educational Publishing, 2021.	(New York 58)

Website

<u>Works Cited Entry</u>	<u>In-Text Citation</u>
Lappe, Sara. "What Electronics Can Do to Your Infant's Brain." <i>USNews.com</i> , https://health.usnews.com/health-care/for-better/articles/2016-11-17/what-electronics-can-do-to-your-infants-brain . Accessed 22 August 2022.	(Lappe)
"Monkeypox." <i>National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases</i> . https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/monkeypox . Accessed 22 August 2022.	("Monkeypox")

For additional examples, ask your librarian or English teacher or go to:

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Additional tips:

1. Double space your Works Cited entries. It was not done on this sample sheet to conserve space.
2. If you are keying the Works Cited entries, you must use italics for book, magazine, or newspaper titles. If you hand-writing them, then you would underline the title.
3. Not all sources have all elements of a citation. If this is the case, skip the missing piece and go to the next element.
4. Works Cited entries use a hanging indentation format, i.e., the first line aligns with the left margin and each additional line is indented 5 spaces. To create this format using the on-screen ruler, see a librarian or English teacher for instructions. Do not [ENTER] at the end of a line.
5. URLs: Some instructors will require the full URL address in the citation.