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Date of access. [if applicable]	.

Examples of MLA 9th Ed. Citations

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Gould, Sloane. <i>Body shaming and body image issues</i> . Cavendish Square, 2022.	(Gould 45)
Weatherfield, Carole Boston. <i>Voice of Freedom: Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement</i> . Illustrated by Ekna Holmes, Candlewick Press, 2015.	(Weatherfield 72)
Rampersad, Arnold. <i>The Life of Langston Hughes</i> . 2 nd ed., vol. 2, Oxford UP, 2002.	(Rampersad 67)

Book, two authors

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
Higgins, Melissa, and Michael Regan. <i>Cybersecurity</i> . ABDO Publishing, 2016.	(Higgins and Regan 23)

Book, three or more authors

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
Chant, Christopher, et al. <i>World War II: Land, Sea & Air Battles 1939-1945</i> .	(Chant et al. 61)

Book, no author/one editor

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
<i>Attacks on Science</i> . Edited by Lisa Idzikowski, Greenhaven Publishing, 2022.	(<i>Attacks</i> 75)

Book, one author/one editor

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
Wollstonecraft, Mary. <i>A Vindication of the Rights of Woman</i> . Edited by Deidre Shauna Lynch, Norton Critical Edition, 3 rd ed., W. W. Norton, 2009.	(Wollstonecraft 124)

Book, editor as author

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
Bloom, Harold, editor. <i>John Cheever</i> . Chelsea House, 2004.	(Bloom 59)

Chapter or Section of a book

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

Chapter or Section of a book, with author(s), editor, and volume number

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
Kimball, Jeffrey and James A. Baer. "Mexican-American War." <i>American History 1775-1850: Forging a New Nation</i> , edited by Michael J. O'Neal, vol. 1, Salem Press, 2024, pp. 227-229.	(Kimball and Baer 227)

Article from a Database (2 containers)

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
Semeniuk, Ivan. "Root of change: Tree rings reveal 120 years of human influence on climate." <i>The Globe and Mail</i> , 05/02 2019. <i>ProQuest; eLibrary</i> , https://explore.proquest.com/elibrary/document/2218028301?accountid=64601 .	(Semeniuk)
Bender, Susan, and T. Karen. "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)
"Let's Have a Real Gun Debate." <i>The Weekly Standard</i> , vol. 23, no. 6, 10/16 2017, pp. 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	Within the Text of Your Paper
MacMillan, Kathy. "What Is Bipolar Disorder?" <i>Understanding Bipolar Disorder</i> , BrightPoint Press, 2021, pp. 12-27. Mental Health Guides. Gale eBooks, link.gale.com/apps/doc/CX8074100006/GVRL?u=dinw1813&sid=bookmark-GVRL&xid=3277d845 .	(MacMillan 15)
Soumerai, Eve and Schulz, Carol. <i>Daily Life During the Holocaust, 2nd Edition</i> . 2, Greenwood, 2009. <i>ABC-CLIO</i> , publisher.abc-clio.com/9780313353093.	(Soumerai 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

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
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 Aug. 2022.	(Lappe)
"Monkeypox." <i>National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases</i> . https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/monkeypox . Accessed 22 Aug. 2022.	("Monkeypox")

Generative AI

Works Cited Entry	Within the Text of Your Paper
"Describe the symbolism of the green light in the book <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald" prompt. <i>ChatGPT</i> , 13 Feb. version, OpenAI, 8 Mar. 2023, chat.openai.com/chat .	("Describe the symbolism")

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