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Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 6th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2003.

“Frequently Asked Questions About MLA Style.” MLA Style. 10 July 2003. Modern Language Association of America. 4 May 2004 <http://www.mla.org/style_faq>.

References in the text of your paper (See pages 237 - 260 in the handbook)

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- This point has already been argued (Tannen 178-85).
- Others, like Jakobson and Waugh (210-15), hold the opposite point of view.
- It may be true that “in the appreciation of medieval art the attitude of the observer is of primary importance...” (Robertson 136).
- “The debut of Julius Caesar,” according to Sohmer, “proclaimed Shakespeare’s Globe a theater of courage and ideas” (par. 44).
- Fukuyama’s Our Posthuman Future includes many examples of this trend.

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Author. Title. Place of publication: Publisher, year of publication.

Examples from or based on the 6th edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*:

- **Single author**

Fukuyama, Francis. Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution. New York: Farrar, 2002.

- **Two or more authors**

Marquart, James W., Sheldon Ekland Olson, and Jonathan R. Sorensen. The Rope, the Chair, and the Needle: Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990. Austin: U of Texas P, 1994.

- **Three or more authors**

Gilman, Sander, et al. Hysteria beyond Freud. Berkeley: U of California P, 1993.

- **Corporate author**

American Medical Association. The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine. New York: Random, 1989.

- **Anthology or compilation**

Sevillano, Mando, comp. The Hopi Way: Tales from a Vanishing Culture. Flagstaff: Northland, 1986.

- **Multivolume work** (If using one volume, state the volume number in the entry. If using two or more, cite the total number of volumes.)

Doyle, Arthur Conan. The Oxford Sherlock Holmes. Ed. Owen Dudley Edwards. Vol. 8. New York: Oxford UP, 1993.

Blanco, Richard L., ed. The American Revolution, 1775–1783: An Encyclopedia. 2 vols. Hamden: Garland, 1993.

- **Work in an anthology**

“A Witchcraft Story.” The Hopi Way: Tales from a Vanishing Culture. Comp. Mando Sevillano. Flagstaff: Northland, 1986. 33-42.

- **Book with no author or editor**

Encyclopedia of Virginia. New York: Somerset, 1993.

- **Subsequent edition of a book**

Chaucer, Geoffrey. The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer. Ed. F. N. Robinson. 2nd ed. Boston: Houghton, 1957.

- **Article in a reference book**

- If it is a familiar reference work, full publication information is not necessary
- If articles are arranged alphabetically, you may omit volume and pages
- For general encyclopedias and dictionaries, do not cite the editor

“Ginsburg, Ruth Bader.” Who’s Who in America. 56th ed. 2002.

Allen, Anita L. “Privacy in Health Care.” Encyclopedia of Bioethics. Ed. Warren T. Reich. Rev. ed. 5 vols. New York: Macmillan-Simon, 1995.

- **Government documents**

United States. Dept. of Labor. Child Care: A Workforce Issue. Washington: GPO, 1988.

- **ERIC document**

Greeley, Andrew M. The Rediscovery of Diversity. Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1971. (ERIC microfiche ED 068 602).

Periodical Article Citation Basic Format:

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Periodical volume number (for a scholarly journal) date of publication (in parentheses for a scholarly journal): page numbers.

Examples from or based on the 6th edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*:

- **Article in a scholarly journal with continuous pagination**
Mann, Susan. "Myths of Asian Womanhood." Journal of Asian Studies 59 (2000): 835-62.
- **Article in a scholarly journal that pages each issue separately** (Add a period and the issue number directly after the volume number)
Barthelme, Frederick. "Architecture." Kansas Quarterly 13.3-4 (1981): 77-80.
- **Article in a magazine**
Weintraub, Arlene, and Laura Cohen. "A Thousand-Year Plan for Nuclear Waste." Business Week 6 May 2002: 94-96.
- **Article in a newspaper** (include edition, section and pages)
Chang, Kenneth. "The Melting (Freezing) of Antarctica." New York Times 2 Apr. 2002, late ed.: F1+.

Electronic Publications Basic Format: See pages 207 - 235 in the handbook. (Note that the date of publication, if available, and the date the researcher accessed the site are both part of the citation. The electronic address of the site is included within angle brackets <>.)

Author. "Title of the document." Information about print publication (if any), using same citation format as for print publication. Title of the site. Date of electronic publication or latest update. Name of organization that sponsors the site. Date of access <URL>.

Examples from or based on the 6th edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*:

- **Entire Internet Site**
Jane Austen Information Page. Ed. Henry Churchyard. 6 Sept. 2000. 15 June 2002 <<http://www.pemberley.com/janeinfo/janeinfo.html>>.
Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet. 19 June 2001. Lib of Congress, Washington. 18 May 2002 <<http://thomas.loc.gov/>>.
- **Personal Site**
Lancashire, Ian. Home page. 28 Mar. 2002. 15 May 2002 <<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/~ian/>>.
- **Home Page for a Course**
Cuddy-Keane, Melba. Professing Literature. Course home page. Sept. 2000-Apr. 2001. Dept. of English, U of Toronto. 4 Oct. 2002 <<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~mcuddy/ENG9900H/Index.htm>>.
- **Entire Online Book**
Armitage, A.M. Armitage's Garden Perennials: A Color Encyclopedia. Portland, OR: Timber P, 2000. netLibrary. 4 May 2004 <<http://www.netlibrary.com>>.

Menzel, Peter, and Faith D'Aluisio. Robo Sapiens: Evolution of a New Species. Cambridge: MIT P, 2000. MIT Press. 8 May 2002 <<http://robosapiens.mit.edu/>>.

- **Part of an Online Book**

Menzel, Peter, and Faith D'Aluisio. Introduction. Robo Sapiens: Evolution of a New Species. Cambridge: MIT P, 2000. MIT Press. 8 May 2002 <<http://robosapiens.mit.edu/intro.htm>>.

- **Article in an Online Journal** (available independently)

Dane, Gabrielle. "Reading Ophelia's Madness." Exemplaria 10.2 (1998). 22 June 2002 <<http://web.english.ufl.edu/english/exemplaria/danefram.htm>>.

- **Article in an Online Journal** (part of an archival database of journals)

Dailey, Thomas F. "Believing in Baseball: The Religious Power of Our National Pastime." Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture 6.2 (2003): 63-83. Project Muse. 6 May 2004 <<http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/logos/v006/6.2dailey.html>>.

- **Article in an Online Magazine**

Brooks, David. "The Culture of Martyrdom." Atlantic Online June 2002. 24 Sept. 2002 <<http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2002/06/brooks.htm>>.

- **A Review**

Gravlee, Cynthia A. Rev. of Magic in Medieval Romance from Chretien de Troyes to Geoffrey Chaucer, by Michelle Sweeney. Medieval Review 2.03.15 (2002). 20 May 2002 <<http://www.hti.umich.edu/t/tmr/>>.

Basic Format for Periodical Articles from a Library Subscription Service: Author. "Article title." Journal title. Publication information. Title of database. Name of database service. Name of subscribing library, city. Date researcher accessed the source <Internet address of database service home page>. (Note: If the database supplier only provides the starting page of an article's original print version, give the starting page and then a hyphen, a space, and a period: "15- .")

"Cooling Trend in Antarctica." Futurist May-June 2002: 15- . Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. U of Central Oklahoma, Chambers Lib, Edmond OK. 22 May 2002 <<http://www.epnet.com/>>

McMichael, Anthony J. "Population, Environment, Disease, and Survival: Past Patterns, Uncertain Futures." Lancet 30 Mar. 2002: 1145-48. Academic Universe. Lexis-Nexis. U of Central Oklahoma, Chambers Lib, Edmond OK. 22 May 2002 <<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/>>