# Quick Reference to MLA Citation Style

## BOOKS

Author’s last name, first name. *Book Title*. Publication Place: Publisher, Year. Print.


## ONE ESSAY FROM REFERENCE BOOK OR ANTHOLOGY

Author’s last name, first name. “Essay Title.” *Book Title*. Ed. Editor’s first and last name. nth ed. Volume #.


## DVDs

*Movie Title*. Dir. Director’s first and last name. Original Release Date. Distributor, Release Date. Format.


## MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Author’s last name, first name. “Article Title.” *Magazine Title* Date: Pages. Print.


## JOURNAL ARTICLES

Author’s last name, first name. “Article Title.” *Journal Title* Volume.Issue (Date): Pages. Print.


## ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Author’s last name, first name. *Book Title*. Publication Place: Publisher, Year. *Database Title*. Web. Access Date.

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PERIODICAL ARTICLES FROM LIBRARY DATABASES

Author’s Lastname, Firstname. “Article Title.” *Magazine Title* Date: Pages. *Database Title*. Web. Access Date.


ONLINE PERIODICAL ARTICLES

*Magazine*

Author’s Lastname, Firstname. “Article Title.” *Periodical Title*. Date. Web. Access Date.

*Academic Journal*


WEB SITES

Author's Lastname, Firstname. “Page Title.” *Site Title*. Name of Publisher or Sponsor of Site, Date of Publication or Last Update. Web. Access Date.

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## Format of the Paper
- Your essay should be on standard, letter size 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper
- Use an easily readable, standard size font (such as Times New Roman 12 point font)
- Double space the entire research paper, including quotations and the list of works cited.
- One inch margins should be on all sides of the text.
- Indent each new paragraph a half inch by using the tab key.
- Leave one space between sentences.
- All pages should be numbered consecutively throughout the research paper in the upper right hand corner, preceded by your last name.
- Unless your instructor requires a title page, begin the first page with:
  - Your name
  - Your instructor’s name
  - Course number
  - Date
- Double space and center the title

## In-text citations
- In-text citations usually consist of the author’s last name and the page number of the citation. (Smith 47)
- If there is more than one entry with the same last name, include the first initial or full first name.
- If there is more than one work by an author, add the cited title, shortened or in full, after the author’s last name.
- Whatever word first appears in the entry on the Works Cited page should be used for the in-text citation.
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  - (“Jaunty”)
- For more information, consult the **MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers** (REF LB2369.G53 2009)
- or this web site: **Using MLA Format** [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/ owl/resource/557/01](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/ owl/resource/557/01)

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- [www.noodletools.com](http://www.noodletools.com)
- [citationmachine.net](http://citationmachine.net)
- [www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite](http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite)