



MLA Formatting

General Formatting:

- MLA style recommends pt. 12 Times New Roman font
- Papers should be double-spaced throughout, with 1-inch margins

Formatting Titles of Sources in the Body of Your Paper

<p>Introducing an Author & an Article</p>	<p>The <i>first</i> time you mention an author, be sure to mention the author's <i>full name</i> AND the <i>title</i> of the article, chapter or book. Also, to establish the author's credibility, mention who the author is, especially if he/she is not well-known.</p> <p><i>Subsequent</i> references should just use the author's <i>last name</i>.</p>	<p>In his book, <i>The Happiness Hypothesis</i>, Jonathan Haidt, a psychologist from the University of Virginia, argues that...Haidt also states...</p>
<p>Formatting Titles of Articles & Books</p>	<p><u>Underline</u> or <i>italicize</i> (preferred) titles of books, journals, films, and television series (but not individual episodes).</p> <p>Put titles of articles, chapters from books, journals or magazines, and individual TV episodes in quotation marks.</p>	<p><i>The Happiness Hypothesis</i> (book); <i>The Pursuit of Happiness</i> (movie)</p> <p>"Can Money Buy Happiness?" "The Trouble with Geniuses"</p>

In-Text (aka Parenthetical) Citations - Basic Format

Type of citation	Example
<p>1) Author's name in text</p>	<p>Stephen L. Carter, noted African American lawyer and author, claims that honesty and integrity are not synonymous (17-21).</p>

2) Author's name in parenthetical citation	The author claims that "a fully dressed woman walked out of the water" (Morrison 50).
3) Online source (e.g. website with author)	The semiconductor workplace is highly toxic (Ross).
4) Quotation found in indirect or "secondhand" source	The philosopher Alain states that "admiration is not pleasure but a kind of attention. . ." (qtd. in Magny 66).

In-Text Citations - Special Situations

Type of citation	Example
1) Two titles by the same author	Mr. Dursley is introduced as "a big, beefy man with hardly any neck" (Rowling, <i>Sorcerer's Stone</i> 1). In contrast, Dumbledore is tall and gaunt (Rowling, <i>Goblet of Fire</i> 58).
2) Works by two authors	<p>Skinner and Johnson suggest that diabetes is becoming a serious public health concern (93).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Recent analysis suggests that diabetes is becoming a serious public health concern (Freud and Skinner 93).</p>
3) Works by three or more authors	<p>Smith, Yang, and Moore argue that tougher gun control is not needed in the United States (76).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The authors state that tougher gun control laws are not needed in the United States (Smith, Yang, and Moore 76).</p>
4) Website with organization or corporation as author	According to a 2001 survey of human resources managers by the American Management Association, more than three-quarters of the responding companies reported disciplining employees for "misuse or personal use of office telecommunications equipment" (2).

5) Personal communication	According to my TA, writing is thinking (S. Ching, personal communication, May 3, 2013)
6) Article with unknown author	We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change" ("Impact of Global Warming" 6).
7) Film	The movie reveals the humanity of those suffering from mental illness (<i>Silver Linings Playbook</i>).

Formatting the Works Cited Page

Title	Title the page Works Cited (not Bibliography), centered at the top of a new page. The heading is not bolded or italicized.
Spacing	All entries should be double-spaced , unless your assignment instructs you otherwise.
Indentation	Begin the first line of each entry at the margin; indent the remaining lines five spaces. (This is called a hanging indent.)
Source Titles	<u>Underline</u> or <i>italicize</i> titles of books, journals, magazines, films, and television series (but not individual episodes). Put chapter titles, article titles, or individual episodes in quotation marks.
Organization	Alphabetize the Works Cited page by author's last name.

Works Cited (Sample)

- Adler, Jerry. "Ghost of Everest." *Newsweek* 17 May 1999. Web. 19 May 1999.
- Crossette, Barbara. "India Lodges First Charges in Arms Scandal." *New York Times* 23 Jan. 1990: A4.
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West Lafayette, IN. 23 May 2003. Keynote Address
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Baldwin, and Benecio del Toro. Polygram, 1995. Film.
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Charles A., Shea, M. Tracie, McGlashan, Thomas H., Grilo, Carlos M. "The Longitudinal
Relationship of Personality Traits and Disorders." *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* 113 (2004):
217-227. Web. 24 Jan. 2012.
- Williams, Pete. "MySpace, Facebook Attracts Online Predators." NBC News, 3 Feb 2006. Web. 17 Oct
2008.

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Book: Single Author	<p>Lastname, Firstname. <i>Title of Book</i>. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.</p> <p>Frye, Northrop. <i>Anatomy of Criticism: Four Essays</i>. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1957. Print.</p>
Newspaper article	<p>Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Periodical</i> Day Month Year: pages. Medium of Publication.</p> <p>Crossette, Barbara. "India Lodges First Charges in Arms Scandal." <i>New York Times</i> 23 Jan. 1990: A4. Print.</p>
Article in online newspaper	<p>Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Periodical</i> Day Month Year: pages. Medium of Publication. Date of Access.</p> <p>Goldfarb, Zachary A. "Child Health Dilemma." <i>Washington Times</i> 31 Aug. 2003: 4-5. Web. 4 Sept. 2003.</p> <p>Adler, Jerry. "Ghost of Everest." <i>Newsweek</i> 17 May 1999. Web. 19 May 1999.</p>
Film or video recording	<p><i>Title</i>. Dir. Firstname Lastname. Perf. Firstname Lastname, Firstname Lastname. Film Studio/Distributor, Year. Medium of Publication.</p> <p><i>The Usual Suspects</i>. Dir. Bryan Singer. Perf. Kevin Spacey, Gabriel Byrne, Chazz Palminteri, Stephen Baldwin, and Benecio del Toro. Polygram, 1995. Film.</p>
Website	<p>Lastname, Firstname. "Webpage title." <i>Website Title</i>. Organization/Publisher. Date Published/Updated. Medium of Publication. Date Accessed.</p> <p>Williams, Pete. "MySpace, Facebook Attracts Online Predators." <i>NBC News</i>, 3 Feb 2006. Web. 17 Oct 2008.</p>

<p>Article in a scholarly journal</p>	<p>Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Periodical</i> Volume number (date): pages. Medium of Publication. Date of Access.</p> <p>Warner, Megan B., Morey, Leslie C., Finch, John F., Gunderson, John G., Skodol, Andrew E., Sanislow, Charles A., Shea, M. Tracie, McGlashan, Thomas H., Grilo, Carlos M. "The Longitudinal Relationship of Personality Traits and Disorders." <i>Journal of Abnormal Psychology</i> 113 (2004): 217-227. Web. 24 Jan. 2012.</p>
<p>Lecture</p>	<p>Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Presentation." Name of Organization/Meeting/School. Location. Day Month Year. Type of Presentation.</p> <p>Stein, Bob. "Computers and Writing Conference Presentation." Purdue University. Union Club Hotel, West Lafayette, IN. 23 May 2003. Keynote Address</p>
<p>Personal Interview</p>	<p>Brown, Sharon. Personal interview. 26 Aug 2012.</p>
<p>Published Interviews (Print or Broadcast)</p>	<p>Lastname, Firstname. "Title." Title of Larger Work. By Firstname Lastname. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.</p> <p>Fiennes, Maya. "Radical Yoga." Interviews with a Yoga Instructor Turned Activist. By George Michael. Culver City: Borgo, 2007. Print</p>
<p>Online-only Published Interviews</p>	<p>Lastname, Firstname. "Title.*/Short Description. <i>Website Title</i>. Organization/ Publisher, Date Published/Updated. Medium of Publication. Date Accessed.</p> <p>Zinkievich, Craig. Interview by Gareth Von Kallenbach. <i>Skewed & Reviewed</i>. Skewed & Reviewed, 2009. Web. 15 Mar. 2009.</p>

