

MLA Works Cited Examples

Note: With online sources, you must also provide a date of access. The date of access will come after the date of publication.

For other helpful sites, check the following:

- Section 34d in *The Simon and Schuster Handbook*, especially page 589 (Library Subscription Service)
- A Guide for Writing Research Papers based on MLA from Capital Community College: <http://webster.comnet.edu/mla.htm>
- Bedford-St. Martin's Guide to using MLA to cite sources: <http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/cite5.html>
- MLA's official site: <http://www.mla.org>

Most electronic database sources (Infotrac, NewsBank, or Lexis-Nexis) will have about 10 sections to the entry. The sample entry below explains each part of the citation. Pages 2-4 of this document show a number of different works cited samples. Pay particular attention to the first two database entries, since you'll mainly be using databases as sources in this class. When it comes time to incorporate the CQ Researcher, you can just click on the "How to Cite" link on the navigation menu for MLA examples of that source.

Stevens, Amanda. "I Love Dogs." *Dog Fancy*. 12 Dec. 2003. 33-35. *Expanded Academic*

ASAP. Infotrac Basic. Johnson County Community Coll. Lib., Overland Park, KS.

2 Nov. 2004 <<http://web6.infotrac.galegroup.com.ezproxy.jccc.net>>.

Comment [JAM1]: Author name:
Note the last name comes first.

Comment [JAM2]: Title of the essay or article. Place title in quotation marks.

Comment [JAM3]: The name of the periodical. The periodical name should be italicized OR underlined. No period comes after the periodical name.

Comment [JAM4]: The date of publication: Note how the day comes BEFORE the month.

Comment [JAM5]: Page numbers: Sometimes you'll just have a + after the page number.

Comment [JAM6]: The name of the database should be italicized. For Lexis-Nexis, you should write *Lexis-Nexis Academic* here. Omit this section of NewsBank.

Comment [JAM7]: This section contains the name of the company that owns the database. For Lexis-Nexis sources, write Lexis-Nexis here. For NewsBank, write NewsBank.

Comment [JAM8]: The library, city and state that provides the database to you.

Comment [JAM9]: The date you accessed the article.

Comment [JAM10]: The URL for the database. You can just provide the first part of the entry, but you can also include the entire URL if you copy and paste the link. (For WWW sources, you need to provide the entire URL always.)

JCCC Library's Computer Information Service - Infotrac for a CONSUMER magazine

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Infotrac for a SCHOLARLY or PROFESSIONAL periodical

Brown, Jackson. "Teaching Students to Write." *College English* 57.4 (2002): 33-35. *Expanded Academic ASAP*. Infotrac Basic. Johnson County Community Coll. Lib., Overland Park, KS. 2 April 2003 <<http://web6.infotrac.galegroup.com.ezproxy.jccc.net>>.

Note the difference between the two example above: A popular periodical (i.e. one you would buy on the newsstand -- *Time, Newsweek, People, New Yorker, Atlantic Monthly, Vogue, Elle, Harper's Bicycling Monthly*, etc.) will have the month and year after the publication name (if it's a weekly publication it will also have the day before the month -- 12 Dec. 1999); it will NOT include the volume and issue number, so ignore those items in your Infotrac printouts. A scholarly, academic, or professional publication (i.e. one that is only available through subscription), will have the volume, number, and year rather than the month and year. So, in the above example, 57.4 (2002) means Volume 57, Issue 4, Year 2002.

A Personal World Wide Web Site

Nerdstone, Alexander. *Alexander's Web User's Information Page*. 28 Jan.2005. 18 Apr. 2005 <<http://www.webusers.com>>.

Web Site for article from an online magazine.

Baker, Kenny. "My Life as R2D2." *Salon* 5 Feb. 2003. 1 Apr. 2004 <<http://www.salon.com/baker/r2d2.html>>.

A book with one author

Suckup, Iam A. *Why Freshman Composition is Cool*. New York: Vanity P, 1995.

A book with two or three authors

Bruce, Jan, and Andrew James. *Don't Trust People with Two First Names*. New York: Columbia UP, 1996.

A book with more than three authors

Smith, John, et. al. *A Study in Names Obviously Phony*. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1999.

A selection from an anthology

Stupid, I. M. "School is so Hard." *Essays by Students who Know Nothing*. Ed. Jonathan Shameful. New York: Knopf, 2001. 40-41.

A signed Article in a Journal with Continuous Pagination

Softly, JoAnn. "Shouting Harms Children: A Study in Alternative Discipline Methods." *Silly Parents* 23 (2003): 478-95.

A signed article in a monthly or bimonthly magazine

Liar, Joseph. "Reading *Playboy* Just for the Articles." *Playboy* Dec. 2002: 23-24.

A signed article from a weekly or biweekly magazine

O'Reilly, Bill. "Why I Love Myself So Much." *Navel Gazing Weekly* 12 Sept. 2005: 54-56.

A signed article in a daily newspaper

Snobbish, Stanley. "Johnson County and heaven: It's hard to know which one is better."

Kansas City Star 14 Dec. 2004: D5.

An unsigned article

"Everything's Up to Date in Kansas City." *Kansas City Magazine* Jan. 2003: 45.

A Government Publication

U.S. Dept. of Labor. *Career Outlook Handbook: 2003-2004*. Washington: GPO, 2003.

A Pamphlet

Dentists and Wisdom Teeth: The Untold Secret. New York: ABS P, 2004.

Sample Works Cited Page:

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