**Brief Guide to MLA Citations**  

**Printed book, one author**

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. *Title of Book: Subtitle of Book.* edition. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.

*Edition statements are included for 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc. editions, not 1st editions

**Example:**


**Electronic book (with more than one author)**

Authors' Last Names. *Title of Book: Subtitle of Book.* edition. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Name of Database. Web. Date of access.

**Example:**


**Printed books (with one editor)**

Last name, first name, middle initial or name, ed. *Title of Book: Subtitle of Book.* edition. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.

**Example:**


**A chapter or authored section out of an edited book**

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. "Title of Article." *Title of Book: Subtitle of Book.* Ed. Editor #1 First Name Last Name, and Editor #2 First Name Last Name. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Pages. Print.

**Example:**

**Journal article**

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): Pages. Print.

*Example:*

**Magazine article**

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine* Day Abbreviated Month, Year: Pages. Print.

*Example:*

**Journal article from a database**

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Name or initial. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Vol.Issue (Year): pages. *Name of database*. Web. Date of access.

*Examples:*

**Magazine article from a database**

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine* Day Month Year: Pages. *Name of the database*. Web. Date of access.

*Examples:*
Newspaper article from a database

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. "Article Title." Newspaper Title Date of Publication, ed., sec.: pages. Name of Database. Web. Date of access.


Web Pages

Web sites are not the same as subscription databases. Include the author, and other information, if you can find it, if not leave it blank. Only include the web address if the web page cannot be found using a search engine, or if your instructor tells you to do otherwise.

Abbreviations:

No publisher use N.p.
No date use n.d.
No pages use n.pag.
No pagination use N.pag.

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. “Title of Content.” Name of Entire Web Site. Name of organizational sponsor (not advertising sponsor), Date published or updated. Web. Day Month Year of Access.

Examples:


**Parenthetical citations** - documenting sources in the text of the paper

Parenthetical citations point to specific sources in the works cited list. Usually you would provide the name and the location, such as page numbers. However you can identify the author in your sentence and simply provide page numbers in your reference.

**Author's name in the sentence**

Amoroso argues that Dracula was the best vampire character ever conceived (31-32).

Sims states that the standards for mammograms have changed dramatically (C5).

**Author's name in the reference**

One recent review argues that Dracula was the best vampire character ever conceived (Amoroso 31-32).

The standards for mammograms have changed dramatically (Sims C5).

**An entire work, no page numbers given**

You must make reference to the entire work

In the movie *Twilight*, director Catherine Hardwicke manages to breathe new life into an old genre.

The plight of the polar bear and its inevitable extinction is an indication of the negative consequences of climate change (Feidt).

**A work with no author**

Use the title, which can be abbreviated if it’s a long title, followed by page numbers, (if there are page numbers).

Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body is a history of forensic medicine and the website highlights some famous murder cases.

There will be an ongoing investigation into the shootings at Fort Hood (“President Obama”).