

8th ed. MLA Style – The Basics

Works Cited List at the end of the paper

BOOKS and EBOOKS

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Publisher, year.

One author and two authors

Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Lacuna: a Novel*. Faber, 2009.

Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. *The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Allyn and Bacon, 2000.

3 or more authors or editors

Wysocki, Anne Frances, et al. *Writing New Media: Theory and Applications for Expanding the Teaching of Composition*. Utah State UP, 2004.

ESSAYS OR CHAPTER IN A BOOK OR ENCYCLOPEDIA

Article in a reference book

Havrenek, Carrie. "Patti Smith." *Women Icons of Popular Music: the Rebels, Rockers, and Renegades*. Vol. 2, Greenwood Press, 2009, pp. 419-438.

ARTICLES (FROM DATABASES OR NEWSPAPER/JOURNAL/MAGAZINE WEBSITES)

Lastname, Firstname. "Article Title." *Journal/Magazine Title*, volume, issue, year, pp. (pages). *Database Name*. Day month year accessed.

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Online magazine/journal articles

Forte, Paul. "Introduction, Transformed Volumes: exhibition of artists' bookworks." *Numero Cinq*, vol. 4, no. 6, 2013. Accessed 8 Feb 2015.

Online newspaper article

Leonhardt, David, Ian Prasad Phillbrick, and Stuart A. Thompson. "Thoughts and Prayers and N.R.A. Funding." *New York Times*. 4 October 2017. Accessed 9 Oct 2017.

WEB PAGES

Include as much of the following as possible: author or editor's name, title of page, title of website, sponsoring organization, last updated day month year, format. Accessed day month year. Include the URL if the page might be difficult to relocate.

Culligan, John, editor. "Biofuels and University Economics." School of Natural Sciences, University of Western Oregon, Oct. 2008. Web. Accessed 20 Aug 2015

In Text Citations in the body of the paper

Direct Quotes

A direct quote is a word for word copy of text. The quote is enclosed in quotation marks. Include the author's last name, date of publication, and page numbers if available.

Examples

Joseph Conrad writes of the company manager in *Heart of Darkness*, "He was obeyed, yet he inspired neither love nor fear, nor even respect" (87).

"The red tree vole is a crucial part of the spotted owl's diet" (Moone 15).

Block Quotes

The block quote is used for direct quotations that are longer than 4 lines. Indent the entire quote 1 inch or 12-16 spaces.

Example

At the conclusion of *Lord of the Flies*, Ralph and the other boys realize the horror of their actions:

He gave himself up to them now for the first time on the island; great, shuddering spasms of grief that seemed to wrench his whole body. His voice rose under the black smoke before the burning wreckage of the island; and infected by that emotion, the other little boys began to shake and sob too. (186)

Paraphrase/Summary

A paraphrase is a quotation rewritten in your own words. A summary is a condensed version of a longer passage. Both require citations. Include the author's name and the page number.

Example

Oregon salmon populations have dramatically declined in the past decade (Lenz 27).

Kafka describes the insecurities of his youth and his rocky relationship with his father (44-46).

Indirect Quote

When possible, cite information directly. If you must cite a source that was cited in another source, name the original source in your signal phrase. Include the secondary source in parentheses with the abbreviation "qtd. in" (quoted in). Include the indirect source in your works cited list.

Example

Jackson stated that... (qtd. in Johns 14).

In this example, Johns should appear in your works cited list.

Multiple Authors

1-2 Authors

Studies have shown that more teachers are changing careers. (Posamentier and Jaye 55).

3+ Authors

Stutts et al. argue for the impact of language development on the brain (339).

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