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Examples of Common Citations

Book, Single Author

Lastname, Firstname I. Title of Work: Capital Letters Match Title Page of Book. Edition of book (if applicable). City of Publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Publication Medium. Date of Access, if web publication, formatted as day Month year.

*Example*


Listing Multiple Authors - When there are multiple authors, list the authors in the order in which they appear on the work. Format the first author as last name comma first name, then list the names of subsequent authors separated by commas in standard format of Firstname Lastname.  *e.g.* Lastname, Firstname I., Firsta Lasta, Firstb Lastb, and Firstc LastC.

Book, Multiple Authors

*Example*


Online Journal Article with no DOI

Authors. "Title of Article: Capitalization Matches Published Article." Title of Journal Volume.Issue (Year): pp-pp. Title of database. Publication Medium. Date of Access. <complete url>

*Example*


Online Journal Article with DOI


*Example*


What’s a DOI??

DOI stands for Digital Object Identifier. With the increased publishing of articles and resources in electronic format on the internet, a standard method was needed to identify the location of the published resource. The solution is The DOI System. The DOI provides a unique identifier for the online location of articles, books, and conference proceedings. Not all electronic resources will have DOIs assigned to them; however, if a DOI is listed, make sure to include it in your citation for the resource.

Try It Yourself!!

To find a resource based on the DOI is called “resolving the DOI.” To try it yourself, go to http://www.doi.org/ type 10.1038/460564a in the “Resolve a DOI Name” field, then submit (press enter or click on the submit button).
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Websites and Other Online Materials

When citing websites, include the following information in sequence. Not all websites will include all components, but try to get as much as you can.

1. Author(s), editor(s), director, performer, etc.
2. Title of work
3. Title of overall website
4. Version or edition
5. Publisher or sponsor of website (N.p. if not available)
6. Date of publication formatted as day month year (n.d. if not available)
7. Publication Medium (Web)
8. Date of access, formatted as day month year
9. Complete URL or DOI between brackets – MLA does not require a URL, but if you have a Static URL or a DOI, it should be included. Include http:// or doi: as appropriate. Break long URLs after single- or double-shashes; do not add any additional characters to the URL or DOI.

General Formats for Websites Containing Text

Independent Works
Authors. Title of Website: Capitalization Matches Published Website. Publisher or sponsor of site, Date of publication. Publication Medium. Date of Access. <complete URL or DOI>

Pages as Part of Larger Works
Authors. Title of Webpage or Work: Capitalization Matches Published Work. Title of Overall Website: Capitalization Matches Website. Publisher or sponsor, Date of publication. Publication Medium. Date of Access. <complete URL or DOI>

General Formats for Online Video
Video Title. Prod. Firstp Lastp. Dir. Firstd Lastd. Media type. Website, Date published. Publication Medium. Date of Access. <URL or DOI between brackets>

Suggested Format for Youtube Videos
Author’s Name or Poster’s Username. “Title of Image or Video.” Media Type Text. Name of Website. Name of Website’s Publisher, date of posting. Medium. Date of Access. < URL >
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Examples for Websites and Other Online Materials

Organization Website

Government Publication, online only

Online Web News Article

Online Video

Multimedia – Videos, Audio, and Images
Here are some points for citing multimedia:

- If the reference is to a particular person, list the person prior to the title, with their role listed afterward (example: Tyson, Neil deGrasse, perf.)
- List contributor information which is pertinent. Precede names with roles (in abbreviation); you need only list the role once for multiple contributors who have the same role. Common contribution roles include Producer (Prod.), Director (Dir.), Performer (Perf.), Narrator (Narr.), and Conductor (Cond.). (example: October Sky. Story by Homer Hickam. Dir. Joe Johnston. Perf. Jake Gyllenhaal, Laura Dern, Chris Cooper, Chris Owen, and William Lee Scott. 1999. Universal Studios, 2005. DVD.)
- The format of the resource is included after contributors. Common formats include Map, Chart, Photograph, Online video clip, Audio podcast, and Video podcast for online resources; and DVD, DVD-ROM, CD, CD-ROM, Radio, Television, Film for offline resources. There are more formats than these.
- If the resource is part of a series, include the name of the series.
- If it was retrieved online, include the URL. If the resource is offline or broadcast (as in a TV series), include the location and broadcaster/publisher (e.g. New York, NY: Fox Broadcasting). (example: SMEEvents. "We Are SME." Online video clip. YouTube. YouTube, 7 June 2011. Web. 30 Sept. 2014. <http://youtu.be/V1eSeu7xw4Q>