Detailed MLA Citation Guide

Books

Author Last name, first name. *Title of Book.* City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium.


Author

- Write the author’s name as Last Name, First Name.
- If there is more than one author, list their names in the order they appear, with commas between each name and a period after the last author.
- Only the name of the first author should be written as Last Name, First Name. The other author’s should be written in regular order (First Name Last Name).

Title

- The title of the book should be typed in italics.
- Capitalize the first letter of the first word, and the first letter of all major words. Do not capitalize articles (a, an, the), conjunctions (and, but, for, nor, or, so, yet), prepositions (e.g., in, of, to, between, against), and the "to" in infinitives, e.g How to Dance.

Publisher

- Give the city of publication and the publisher’s name.
- The year it was published

Magazine Articles

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Date: Page(s). Type of Material.


Author

- Write the author’s name as Last Name, First Name.
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Title

- The title of the article is put in quotation marks.
- Capitalize the first letter of the first word, and the first letter of all major words. Do not capitalize articles (a, an, the), conjunctions (and, but, for, nor, or, so, yet), prepositions (e.g., in, of, to, between, against), and the "to" in infinitives, e.g How to Dance.
- The title of the magazine is typed in italics.

Date

- For magazines that are issued every week, give the complete date in this order: Day Month Year (23 Feb. 2010.) Abbreviate the months (except May, June, July)
- For magazines that are issued monthly or bi-monthly, give the Month and Year.

Page Number(s)

- If the article is on consecutive pages, give the page numbers of the entire article 18-24.
- When possible, give the last two digits of the second number, e.g 179-89.

Newspaper Articles

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Newspaper Date, : Page(s). Type of Material. Web Access Date.


Author

• Write the author’s name as Last Name, First Name.
• If there is more than one author, list their names in the order they appear, with commas between each name and a period after the last author.
• Only the name of the first author should be written as Last Name, First Name. The other author’s should be written in regular order (First Name Last Name).

Title of Article

• Write the title of the newspaper article in quotation marks.

Title of Newspaper

• Write the title as it appears, omitting any introductory article like “the” or “an.” For example, The Paris Trip becomes Paris Trip. Remember, the title of the newspaper is always italicized.

Date and Edition

• Give the date in this order: Day Month Year, e.g., 24 Oct. 2011. Abbreviate the months (except May, June, July).
• If an edition is specified, add it after the date.

Page Number(s)

• If the article is not on consecutive pages, write only the first page number, followed by a plus sign: 29+
• Do not give volume and issue numbers for newspaper articles.

Type of Material/ Web Access Date

• Write Web if the source was found on the internet. Write Print if you have an actual newspaper.
• The Web Access Date is the date you accessed the newspaper article on the internet. If you are using a print newspaper, you do not need an access date.