Guide for References

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Citing Print Resources

Book by a Single Author (MLA section 5.6.1)

Book by More than One Author (5.6.4)

A Work in an Anthology (5.6.7)

Article in a Reference Book (5.6.8)

Article in a Journal with Continuous Paging (5.7.1)

Newspaper Article (5.7.5)

Article in a Magazine (5.7.6)

A Review (5.7.7)

A Published Interview (5.8.7)

An Unpublished Interview (5.8.7)
Citing Electronic Publications (section 5.9)

Documents in electronic format are cited similarly to print sources, but with additional access and electronic publication information. These citations can be quite complex, and you are strongly advised to consult the MLA Handbook (starting at section 5.9) for explanations and details beyond the examples below.

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**An Entire Web Site (5.9.2)**


**Personal Web Site (5.9.2.c)**


**An Online Book (5.9.3)**


**An Article in an Online Scholarly Journal (5.9.4.a)**


**A Work in a Library Database (5.9.7.a)**


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**An Online Film or Film Clip (5.9.9.c)**


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