MLA Style

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Instructions

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Names: The name of the first author is inverted (last name first), subsequent authors' names are listed as first name followed by last name.

Titles: All English titles are capitalized headline style (capitalize all words except for prepositions and common conjunctions). Please refer the MLA handbook for titles in languages other than English.

Dates: Use the order day month year.

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Always consult your library resources for the exact formatting and punctuation guidelines and pay special attention to specific requirements from your instructor.

Journal Article

Pattern:

[Author Last Name], [Author First/Middle Name], and [Author First/Middle Name] [Author Last Name]. "[Title of the Article]." [*Name of the Journal*], vol. [Volume Number], no. [Issue Number], [Publication date], pp. [Page number starts]-[ends]. [*Database container*], doi:[Digital Object Identifier (preferred)] [or URL].

Example:

Crainer, Stuart, and Des Dearlove. "Windfall Economics." *Business Strategy Review*, vol. 14, no. 4, Winter 2003, pp. 68–72. *EBSCOhost*, doi:10.1111/j.2003.00288.x.

Magazine Article

Pattern:

[Author Last Name], [Author First/Middle Name(s)], and [Author First/Middle Name(s)] [Author Last Name]. "[Title of the Article]." [*Name of the Magazine*], vol. [Volume Number], no. [Issue Number], [Publication Date], pp. [Page number starts]-[ends]. [*Database container*], [Persistent Link].

Example:

Carter, Adrienne, and Stanley Holmes. "Curiously Strong Teamwork." *BusinessWeek*, no. 4023, Feb. 2007, pp. 90–92. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bth&AN=24032825&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Newspaper Article

Pattern:

[Author Last Name], [Author First/Middle Name(s)], and [Author First/Middle Name(s)] [Author Last Name]. "[Title of the Article]." [*Name of the Newspaper*], [Publication Date], [Edition (if available)], pp. or p. (if only on 1 page) [Page number starts]-[ends]. [*Database container*], [Persistent Link].

Example:

Robert Solé. "Tenues de Combat." *Le Monde*, 9 Mar. 2010, p. 27. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bth&AN=48446701&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Book Chapter

Pattern:

[Author Last Name], [Author First/Middle Name(s)], and [Author First/Middle Name(s)] [Author Last Name]. "[Title of the Chapter]." [*Title of the Book*], [contributing statement as applicable] [Author/Editor First/Middle Name(s)] [Author/Editor Last Name], [Publisher Name], [Publication Year], pp. [Page number starts]-[ends].

Example:

Belsky, Janet. "The Research Findings on Gender Issues in Aging Men and Women." *Gender Issues across the Life Cycle*, edited by Barbara Rubin Wainrib, Springer Publishing Co, 1992, pp. 163–71.

E-Book

Pattern:

[Author Last Name], [Author First/Middle Name(s)] [*Title of the E-Book*]. [Publisher Name], [Publication Year]. [*Database container*], [Digital Object identifier or URL].

Example:

Thorbeck, Dewey. *Agricultural Landscapes: Seeing Rural Through Design*. Routledge, 2019. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=2015108&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Published Conference Paper

Pattern:

[Author Last Name] [Author First/Middle Name(s)] and [Author First/Middle Name(s)] [Author Last Name] (use ', et al.' for 3 or more authors). "[*Title of the Conference Paper*]." [*Name of the Conference Proceedings*], [Publisher Name], [Publication Date], pp. [Page number starts]-[ends], [Digital Object identifier or URL].

Example:

Pierson, Emma, et al. "*Modeling Individual Cyclic Variation in Human Behavior*." *Proceedings of the 2018 World Wide Web Conference*, International World Wide Web Conferences Steering Committee, 2018, pp. 107–16, doi:10.1145/3178876.3186052.

Website

Pattern:

[*Title of the Website*]. [Organization Name] or [Author Last Name] [Author First/Middle Name(s)], [Publication Date], [URL]. Accessed [Access Date].

Example:

Harvard College Writing Center. President and Fellows of Harvard College, 2019, writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/. Accessed 5 Apr. 2019.

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