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MLA Style

MLA citation style is often used in the humanities, particularly for literary studies. The examples of MLA style and format listed on this page include many of the most common types of sources used in academic research. For additional examples and more detailed information about MLA citation style, please consult the following book: ***MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed. (New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009)**. Collins Memorial Library has two copies of this book, call number **LB 2369 G53 2009**. One copy is located in the **reference section** on the first floor of the library; the other copy is on **Reserves** and can be requested at the Circulation Desk.

MLA style consists of two parts: in-text (parenthetical) documentation and a "Works Cited" list. In-text references should provide brief but accurate information about the specific sources being cited, with an emphasis on preserving the readability of the text. A typical in-text citation consists of author and page number (Smith 122) or just the page number if the author has already been mentioned in the text. The "Works Cited" list at the end of the paper then provides fuller bibliographic information about these sources.

Works Cited Examples

Entries in the Works Cited list are arranged in alphabetical order. Each entry uses "hanging indention," meaning that the first line is flush with the left margin, and subsequent lines are indented a half-inch. The entire list is double-spaced.

BOOK BY ONE AUTHOR:

Lethem, Jonathan. *Chronic City: A Novel*. New York: Doubleday, 2009. Print.

BOOK BY MORE THAN ONE AUTHOR:

Mitchell, Angelyn, and Danille K. Taylor, eds. *The Cambridge Companion to African American Women's Literature*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2009. Print.

SCHOLARLY EDITION OF A WORK:

Shakespeare, William. *The Taming of the Shrew*. Ed. Dympna Callaghan. New York: Norton, 2009. Print.

DIGITIZED BOOK:

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *Twice-Told Tales*. Boston: American Stationers Co., 1837. *Google Books*.
Web. 30 June 2010.

ESSAY OR WORK WITHIN AN ANTHOLOGY OR COLLECTION:

Hansberry, Lorraine. *A Raisin in the Sun*. *Black Theater: A Twentieth-Century Collection of the Work of Its Best Playwrights*. Ed. Lindsay Patterson. New York: Dodd, 1971. 221-76. Print.

SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLE:

[HARDCOPY]

Shinn, Christopher A. "On Machines and Mosquitoes: Neuroscience, Bodies, and Cyborgs in Amitav

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Ghosh's *The Calcutta Chromosome*." *MELUS* 33.4 (2008): 145-66. Print.

[FROM AN ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION DATABASE—JSTOR, PROJECT MUSE, LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER, LITERATURE CRITICISM ONLINE, ETC.]

Garforth, Lisa. "Green Utopias: Beyond Apocalypse, Progress, and Pastoral." *Utopian Studies* 16.3

(2005): 393-427. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 30 June 2010.

[FROM AN OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL]

Hammer, Michael. "De los osos seas comido: Sancho Panza as Intruder in the Discourse of the Hunt."

Cervantes 28.1 (2008): 119-34. Web. 30 June 2010.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (accessed from online subscription database):

Ford, Richard. "Violence in Children's Films Alarms Censor." *The Times (London)*. 21 May 1999. *Lexis-*

Nexis Academic. Web. 30 June 2010.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE (accessed from online subscription database):

Grossmann, Lev, and Andrea Sachs. "Books Unbound." *Time* 2 Feb. 2009: 71-4. *Academic Search*

Premier. Web. 30 June 2010.

REFERENCE ARTICLE—UNSIGNED (accessed from online subscription database):

"Margaret Atwood." *Contemporary Authors Online*. Detroit: Gale, 2010. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 30 June 2010.

REFERENCE ARTICLE—SIGNED (accessed from online subscription database):

Wasiolek, Edward. "Leo (Nikolaevich) Tolstoy." *Russian Novelists in the Age of Tolstoy and Dostoevsky*.

Ed. J. Alexander Ogden and Judith E. Kalb. Detroit: Gale Group, 2001. *Dictionary of Literary*

Biography Vol. 238. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 30 June 2010.

FILM—DVD

Kurosawa, Akira, dir. *Rashomon*. 1950. Janus Films, 2006. DVD.

FILM—on the Web

Capra, Frank, dir. *Why We Fight: The Battle of Britain*. 1943. *Internet Archive*. Web. 30 June 2010.