

# MLA Style for Works Cited: Sample Citation Formats -- Online Databases, E-Books and Web Sites --

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## Notes:

1. You will need the Library's handout on MLA citation formats for **print books and articles** when you're formatting your online resources; pick up a copy at the Reference Desk or see [http://library.riohondo.edu/Research\\_Help/Citing\\_Sources/MLA%202009%20Print.htm](http://library.riohondo.edu/Research_Help/Citing_Sources/MLA%202009%20Print.htm).
2. Including URLs in citations is **optional**. If you need to include the URL, enclose the complete address within angle brackets. For example: <<http://www.riohondo.edu>>
3. The following examples represent only the **most commonly used** online sources used by Rio Hondo College students. For questions on how to cite other sources, please consult the print source above or ask a librarian at the Reference Desk.
4. The subscription online databases below were found in the RHC Library Web site as of July 31, 2009. A few were available only as trial databases and may no longer be available in this Library.

**Articles from Online Databases:** Online databases often contain articles or book chapters that have previously appeared in print. In general, follow the guidelines for citations for print articles, then add the *Title of Online Database*, Medium of publication (Web), and the Date you accessed the article.

### Magazine Articles from Online Databases:

**Author(s), if known. "Title of Article." Magazine Title Date: Start-End Pages, if available. Title of Online Database. Web. Date accessed.**

Balko, Radley. "Don't Drink the Water." *Reason* Oct. 2008: 11-12. *ProQuest Research Library*. Web. 30 Mar. 2009.

"Domestic Surveillance." *Issues & Controversies On File* 10 Dec. 2007: n.pag. *Issues & Controversies@Facts.com*. Web. 17 May 2009.

"El Salvador: Foreign Investment Climate." *CountryWatch*. Web. 18 June 2009.

Katel, Peter. "Legalizing Marijuana." *CQ Researcher*. 12 June 2009: n.pag. *CQ Researcher*. Web. 2 Nov. 2009.

"Stephenie Meyer." *Contemporary Authors Online*. Web. 7 Sept. 2009.

Verdon, Daniel, and Jeff Fleisher. "Euthanasia's Moral Stress: A High Psychological Price." *DVM Newsmagazine* July 2003: 18+. *Health Reference Center Academic*. Web. 22 Nov. 2009.

### Newspaper Articles from Online Databases:

**Author(s), if known. "Title of Article." Newspaper Name Date, Edition: Page number(s). Title of Online Database. Web. Date accessed.**

Hoover, Bob. "Censorship Never Goes Out of Style." *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* 31 Aug. 2008: E.5. *SIRS Researcher*. Web. 15 Jan. 2009.

Toppo, Greg. "Study is First to Link TV Sex to Teen Parenthood." *USA Today* 3 Nov. 2008: D4. *EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier*. Web. 21 Sept. 2009.

Weiss, Kenneth. "Plague of Plastic Chokes the Seas." *Los Angeles Times* 2 Aug. 2006: A1+. Pt. 4 of a series, *Altered Oceans*, begun 30 July 2006. *ProQuest Research Library*. Web. 27 Nov. 2009.

#### **Journal Articles from Online Databases:**

**Author(s), if known. "Title of Article." *Journal Title* Volume Number.Issue Number (Year of Publication): Start-End Pages. *Title of Online Database*. Web. Date accessed.**

Bloom, Lynn Z. Rev. of *Stories of Resilience in Childhood: The Narratives of Maya Angelou, Maxine Hong Kingston, Richard Rodriguez, John Edgar Wideman, and Tobias Wolff*, by Daniel D. Challener. *MELUS* 25.3/4 (2000): 311-312. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 2 Dec. 2008.

Kuiken, Don, Shelagh Dunn, and Tatiana LoVerso. "Expressive Writing About Dreams That Follow Trauma and Loss." *Dreaming* 18.2 (2008): 77-93. *PsycArticles*. Web. 18 Oct. 2009.

Maki, Dennis G. "Don't Eat the Spinach: Controlling Foodborne Infectious Disease." *New England Journal of Medicine* 355.19 (2006): 1952+. *ProQuest Research Library*. Web. 4 Apr. 2009.

Stevenson, Mark R., and Richard A. Schieber. "Preventing Non-Family Child Abductions: Are Children Aware They Are Being Followed?" *Journal of School Health* 66.10 (1996): 359+. *Professional Collection*. Web. 2 June 2009.

#### **Articles or Chapters from Books Found in Online Databases:**

**Author(s), if known. "Title of Article or Chapter." *Title of Book*. Editor, if known. Edition. Specific volume number. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Pages. *Title of Online Database or Web Site*. Web. Date accessed. (Note simplified format below for familiar encyclopedias and dictionaries.)**

Allen, Anita. "Affirmative Action." *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History*. Ed. Colin A. Palmer. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Vol. 1. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 2 June 2009.

Kelly, John J., Jr. "Earth Sciences: Meteorology and Climate." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Academic ed. 2009. *Encyclopædia Britannica Online*. Web. 2 Sept. 2009.

"Los Angeles: Transportation." *Cities of the United States*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Vol. 2: The West. Detroit: Gale, 2006. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 29 Sept. 2009.

Miller, Barry, and Paul J. De Lia. "Electronic Warfare." *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology*. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. 2007. *AccessScience*. Web. 18 June 2009.

**For a scholarly article within an anthology, you do not need the original year of publication unless the article has been reprinted in ("Rpt. in") the anthology exactly as it appeared in the original.**

Beach, Sara Ann, and Elizabeth Harden Willner. "The Power of Harry: The Impact of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter Books on Young Readers." *World Literature Today* 76.1 (2002): 102-106. Rpt. in *Children's Literature Review*. Ed. Tom Burns. Vol. 112. Detroit: Gale, 2006. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 28 July 2009.

#### **Works of Visual Art from an Online Database:**

**Artist's Name. *Title of Artwork*. Date of Composition (if unknown, write N.d., if approximate, write c. for "circa"). Medium of composition. Institution Housing the Work, City. *Title of the Database or Web Site*. Web. Date you accessed the artwork.**

*A Mandala of Samvara*. c. 1700. Gouache on cotton. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. *ArtStor*. Web. 28 Aug. 2009.

Johnson, William H. *Classroom Scene*. c. 1938-1946. Oil on plywood. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC. *ArtStor*. Web. 28 Aug. 2009.

Oppenheim, Dennis. 1994. "Hot Tattoos." Sculpture and installations. Exhibited at Blum Helman Gallery, Fall 1994, New York. *ArtStor*. Web. 30 July 2009.

**Books from an Online Database (E-Books):** Refer to the handout for citing books published in print. Add the following elements: *Title of the Online Database*. Medium of publication (Web). Date you accessed the e-book.

Evans, Kim Masters, ed. *Endangered Species: Protecting Biodiversity*. Detroit: Gale, 2007. Information Plus Reference Series. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 30 Mar. 2010.

Fass, Paula S., ed. *Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood: In History and Society*. 3 vols. New York: MacMillan Reference, 2004. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 15 Aug. 2009.

### **Pamphlets, Brochures and Press Releases in an Online Database That Are Also**

**Available in Print:** In general, treat these sources as books. Press releases, however, require the complete date and not just the year of publication. Add the following elements: *Title of the Online Database*. Medium of publication (Web). Date you accessed the e-book.

"Eating Disorders: Overview." *NWHRC Health Center – Eating Disorders*. Red Bank: National Women's Health Resource Center, 2007. *Health Reference Center Academic*. Web. 19 Feb. 2009.

"Genetic Clues May Lead to New Skin Cancer Therapies." *Consumer Health News*. 31 Aug. 2009. *Health & Wellness Resource Center*. Web. 8 Sept. 2009.

### **Works Found in Web Sites:** Refer to the handout of sample citations for *print* books and articles.

**General (Non-Scholarly) and Scholarly Articles:** This section refers to general articles found on the Web and to those scholarly articles which are published in Web versions of their original print publications.

**Author(s), if known. "Title of Article." *Title of the Web Site*. Version or edition. Publisher or sponsor of the site, Date of Publication or Last Update. Web. Date Accessed.**

Baum, L. Frank. "A Kidnapped Santa Claus". *Aesop's Fables Online Collection*. Star Systems Technologies, 16 Jan. 2009. Web. 31 Mar. 2009.

Grabianowski, Ed. "How Police Chases Work." *How Stuff Works*. HowStuffWorks, Inc. 13 Apr. 2006. Web. 4 Sept. 2009.

Harvey, Jamie T. "Tattoos – As Form of Expression for Any Gender." *EzineArticles*. EzineArticles.com, 5 Aug. 2009. Web. 1 Sept. 2009.

McComb, T. M. "Central Javanese Gamelan." *Traditional World Music Recordings*. Medieval Music & Arts Foundation, 22 May 2007. Web. 28 Feb. 2010.

Stephens, Mark B. "Behavioral Risks Associated with Tattooing." *Family Medicine* 35.1 (2003): 52-54. *Google Scholar*. Web. 9 Feb. 2010.

West, Peter. "Genetic Clues May Lead to New Skin Cancer Therapies." Washington: U.S. National Institutes of Health, 30 Aug. 2009. *HealthDay*. Web. 8 Sept. 2009.

**Scholarly Articles in Web Journals:** Certain scholarly journals are available only (or mainly) on the Web. In general, follow the format for print scholarly articles. Add the *Title of the Web Site*. Medium of publication (Web). Date Accessed.

Derocher, Andrew E. "Polar Bears and Climate Change." *ActionBioscience* May 2008: n.pag. Web. 15 Apr. 2009.

Friedman, Shamma. "A Good Story Deserves Retelling: The Unfolding of the Akiva Legend." *Jewish Studies, An Internet Journal* 3 (2004): 55-93. Web. 7 Jan. 2010.

Sokoloff, Natalie J., and Susan C. Pearce. "Locking Up Hope: Immigration, Gender, and the Prison System." *Scholar & Feminist Online*. 6.3 (2008): n.pag. Web. 12 Apr. 2009.

Waring, Molly E., et al. "Documentation and Management of Overweight and Obesity in Primary Care." *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* 22.5 (2009): 544-552. Web. 18 Nov. 2009.

**Acceptable alternative:**

Waring, Molly E., Mary B. Roberts, Donna R. Parker, and Charles B. Eaton. "Documentation and Management of Overweight and Obesity in Primary Care." *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* 22.5 (2009): 544-552. Web. 18 Nov. 2009.

**Books (E-Books):** A number of Web sites contain the full text of books. In general, refer to the handout for print books, then add: the *Title of Web Site*. Medium of Publication (Web). Date you accessed the e-book.

**Author(s) or Editor(s), if known. Title. Compiler(s), Translator(s) information as needed. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Title of Web Site. Web. Date Accessed.**

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus. *The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius*. Trans. George Long. *The Harvard Classics*. Ed. Charles W. Eliot. Vol. 2 pt. 3. New York: Collier, 1909-1914. *Bartleby.com*. Web. 11 Sept. 2009.

Shakespeare, William. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 1922. *Google Books*. Web. 18 Oct. 2009.

Wiley, David, ed. *The Instructional Use of Learning Objects*. Bloomington: Agency for Instructional Technology, 2000. *The Instructional Use of Learning Objects*. Web. 28 July 2008.

**Works of Visual Art:** Note that the URL may be added if you think it will be more helpful to the reader or if it is a requirement for your paper.

Pollock, Jackson. *Naked Man with Knife*. c. 1938-1940. Oil on canvas. Tate Modern, London. *Tate Collection*. Web. 28 Aug. 2009. < <http://www.tate.org.uk/servlet/ViewWork?workid=12148&roomid=3552>>.