

Toward Better Literacy: Reference Outlines



How to Cite a Source in MLA Style (8th edition)

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 - ❖ For a book, give publisher and year: **Pearson, 2008.**
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Example: **Columbia University, 2 Jan. 2011.**
 - ❖ For a journal, the volume, issue, year, and pages go after the title:
***College Literature* vol. 26, no. 3, 2003. pp. 161-70.**
- ❖ Include any database name in italics.
- ❖ Include the web address or the digital object identifier (doi).
Example: **<<http://lonestar.edu/write-place>>.**
- ❖ Include the date of access:
Accessed 14 Oct. 2013.

MLA Citations in Action

Satire is defined as a form of artistic expression "in which human folly and vice are held up to scorn, derision, or ridicule" ("Satire"). A necessary precursor to good satire, therefore, is keen observation, an ability to recognize "folly" in need of "ridicule." Kurt Vonnegut, widely recognized as America's preeminent satirist, gained much of his unique worldview from his experience as a soldier during World War II ("Kurt Vonnegut on Science").

Vonnegut consistently espouses the idea that all people have dignity, regardless of their position in society ("Kurt Vonnegut Biography"). However, he often chooses to communicate this belief through characters and narration that would seem to disagree. For example, the main character in *Player Piano* reminds himself that "mankind really had come a long way" since the days of Edison (Vonnegut, *Player* 6), but the reader is left unconvinced. One of his most memorable short stories is set in a futuristic world where "everybody [is] finally equal," but the protagonist winds up stripping off his government-mandated handicaps in the end, an action that gets him killed (Vonnegut, "Harrison"). "Most critics, past and present, have . . . denied satire its artistic character" (Deer and Deer 714). Still, few would deny that Vonnegut was a true artist.

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www.ewb/kurtvonnegut. Accessed 20 Nov. 2016.

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"Kurt Vonnegut on Science." *YouTube*, uploaded by John Jones, 4 Nov. 2008,

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Vonnegut, Kurt. "Harrison Bergeron." *Norton Anthology of Literature*, edited by Steve

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Anthology

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Examples of MLA-Style Reference Listings

Book	Chu, June. <i>Electronic Office</i> . Southwest, 2006.	No publishing city needed in 8 th ed.
Book (2 authors)	Jones, Cliff and Nat Brandes. <i>How to Make a Writing Center Work</i> . Longman, 2012.	2 nd author's name in straight order
Book (no author)	<i>The Boxing Today Book of Lists</i> . Sporting News, 2008.	When no author is given, begin with the title
Book (corporate)	Salvation Army. <i>Charity in Action</i> . Zondervan, 2013.	Large works take italics
Short Work in Anthology	Chopin, Kate. "The Storm." <i>Literature for Composition: Reading and Writing Arguments about Essays, Fiction, Poetry, and Drama</i> , 8th ed., edited by Sylvan Barnet, Pearson Longman, 2007, pp. 40-43.	Use pp. for 2 or more pages.
Book Chapter in Anthology	Bloom, Harold. "Critical Study of Poe." Twayne, 1989, pp. 88-91. Excerpt from <i>Nineteenth-Century Literary Criticism</i> . Vol. 8, edited by Thomas Vottler, Gale, 1991, pp. 264-65.	Use "Excerpt from" when part of the work is reprinted.
Poem in Anthology	Frost, Robert. "Mending Wall." <i>100 Best Loved Poems</i> , edited by Philip Smith, Dover, 1995, p. 37.	Poems and other shorter works take quotation marks.
Edited book with Multiple Authors	Edens, Walter, et al. <i>Teaching Shakespeare</i> , edited by James Johnson, Princeton UP, 1977.	Use "et al." with 4 or more authors.
Article from Book in a Series	Gest, Ted. "Gang Violence Is a Serious Problem." <i>Gangs</i> , edited by Scott Bank and Karen Sox, Greenhaven, 2008, pp. 18-26. <i>Opposing Viewpoints Series</i> .	
The Bible	<i>The Illustrated King James Bible</i> . New King James Version. Zondervan, 1998.	List the version last
Academic Journal	Wood, John C. "Model for Corporate Success." <i>Business Quarterly</i> , vol. 50, no. 3, 1996, pp. 84-96.	
Magazine Article	Black, Dana. "In Spite of Pressure Senators Vote Their Conscience." <i>Newsweek</i> , 15 Mar. 2003, pp. 38-39.	
News Article	Coz, Robert. "President Answers Complaints." <i>New York Times</i> , 16 Aug. 2003, A2+.	A2+ is Section A, beginning on page 2
Encyclopedia	"Taoist Philosophy." <i>The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropodia</i> , 29th ed., 1999.	
Dictionary	"Noon." Def. 4b. <i>The Oxford English Dictionary</i> , 2nd ed., 1989.	Def. "4b" indicates one sense of the word.
Online Sources		
Magazine Article in a Database (no author)	"Body of Assassin Found in Hudson River." <i>Time</i> , 15 Mar. 2001, pp. 38-39. <i>Academic Search Complete</i> , Access no: 12589874.	An Access number gives a location in a database
News Article	Little, Ron. "World Economy and China." <i>New York Times</i> , 22 Apr. 1903, late ed. (East Coast): B1. <i>JSTOR</i> , www.jstor.org/stable/41403188.	"B1" here is the newspaper section and page number.
Book (authors and editors)	Mallory, Christine, Pam Smith, and Bob Wild. "Professional Athletes Should Be Role Models." <i>Sports and Athletes</i> , edited by Ellen Norris and Jack Jones, Greenhaven, 2007, pp. 110-20. <i>Opposing Viewpoints</i> , doi: 10.1017/S0018246X0600596623.	Editors normally follow the book title. Used "edited by.."
Journal Article	Massingale, John. "Propaganda, and the Civil War." <i>Journal of American Literature and Culture</i> , vol. 26, no. 3, 2003, pp. 361-70. <i>Literature Resource Center</i> , doi: 10.1017/S00182.	Give any publication information the database provides.

Journal Article in Compilation	Miller, Annabelle. "The Perfect Robot." <i>Science Fiction</i> , vol. 26, no. 4, 1993, pp. 12-22. Rpt. in <i>Twentieth Century Literary Criticism</i> , edited by Paula Jones. Vol. 3, Gale, 1991, pp. 218-19, go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=GLS&sw=w&u=nhmccd_main&v=2.1&id=GALE%7CA110727235&it=r&asid=f5fe71f80453021744e0437c3950f58d .	No need to put an access date for resources from a database Instead of pasting a long URL, use an access # or DOI
E-Book	Sweet, William. <i>Kicking the Carbon Habit: Global Warming and the Case for Renewable and Nuclear Energy</i> . Columbia UP, 2006. <i>NetLibrary</i> . Accessed 14 May 2007.	A complete book available online.
Web Site	Tate, Luke. <i>Sports Today Web Page</i> . Ed. Paul Corman. Texas State Athletic Organization, n.d. www.tsad.org/sportstoday . Accessed 3 Aug. 2008.	Use "n.d." when no date is provided.
Page on a Site	"Macbeth- A Study in Pride." <i>Shakespeare Online</i> , 20 September 2014, www.shakespeareonline/macbeth/commentary . Accessed 15 Feb. 2015.	
Special Sources		
Image	Da Vinci, Leonardo. <i>Mona Lisa</i> . c. 1503, The Louvre, Paris. <i>Oxford Art Online</i> , www.oxfordartonline.com/louvre/monalisa.jpg.html . Accessed 15 Oct. 2006.	When the exact date is unknown, use "c."
Film or Video	<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> . Directed by Frank Capra, performances by James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell, Republic, 1946.	Names of performers are optional.
Interview	Jolie, Angelina. Personal interview. 22 Jan. 2009.	Same for "Email."
Govt. Document	United States. Census Bureau. <i>2008 Survey of Employers</i> . GPO, 2009.	No author specified.
Govt. Document	---. Dept. of Education. <i>Changing by Degrees: Greenhouse Gases</i> . By Ken Cho. GPO, 2001.	Use "---" to avoid repetition of author information
TV Show	"The Blessing Way." <i>The X-Files</i> , WXIA, Atlanta, 19 July 1998.	
YouTube Video	"8 Hot Dog Gadgets put to the Test." <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by Cat Harris, 10 Nov. 2016, www.youtube.com/watch?X=ARZjcDotELa .	
Tweet	"@popefrancis. "Being a net giver." <i>Twitter</i> , 25 Dec. 2015, 6:16am, twitter.com/popefrancis/status/25698234777 .	Include the time of the tweet.
Email	Zingleman, Nathan. "Re: Best Consulting Practices." Received by John Taylor, 12 Dec. 2016.	Author first; recipient followed by date
Review	Ebert, Roger. "How to Make a Movie Charm." Review of <i>Tangled</i> , directed by Nathan Geno, <i>New York Times</i> , 16 May 2010: E1.	
Song	Nichole Nordeman. "To Say Thanks." <i>Recollection</i> , Sparrow, 2010.	Include record company following the album title

