MLA Citations for Print Sources

Literature Examples

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How to cite a book

Format:
Author’s Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Medium of Publication.

Examples:
Books with a single author:

Books with an editor as author:

Books with 2 or 3 authors (Reverse the name of the first author only):
Books with 4 or more authors:

Print.

How to cite an article from a reference book or an encyclopedia

**Format**
Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of the Chapter/Section.” *Name of the Encyclopedia*. Editor’s First name Last Name. Edition. Volume Number. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Medium.

**Example (article with an author)**

Print.

**Example (article with no author)**

How to cite a magazine article

**Format:**
Last Name, First Name. “Title of the Article.” *Name of the Magazine* Day Month(abbreviated) Year: Page Numbers. Medium.

**Example:**

Print.

How to cite a newspaper article
Format:
Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Article.” Name of the Newspaper Day
Month Year: Page Number. Medium.

Example:

How to cite a journal article

Format:
Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Article.” Name of the Journal Volume Number.Issue Number (Year): Pages. Medium of Publication.

Examples:
Atkins, Janet. “Reading and Writing with Purpose: In and Out of School.”


How to cite articles from Novels for Students

*How to cite an essay with no author given (Themes, Style, Historical Context sections, etc.)*

Format:

“How Title of the Novel.” Novels for Students. Editor’s First name Last name. Volume
Examples:


How to cite a critical essay from Novels for Students:

Format:

Author’s Last Name, First name. Critical Essay on “Title of the Novel.” Novels for Students. Editor’s First Name Last Name. Volume Number. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of publication. Pages. Print.

Example with an author given:


How to cite an article originally published in a periodical and reprinted in Novels for Students

Format:

Last Name, First Name. “Title of the Article.” Name of the Original Magazine Volume Number. Issue Number (Month Year): Page Numbers. Rpt. in Novels for Students. Editor’s First Name Last Name. Volume Number. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of publication. Print.

Example:

Malak, Amin. “Margaret Atwood’s The Handmaid’s Tale and the Dystopian

**How to cite an article originally published in a book and reprinted in Novels for Students**

**Format:**
Last name, First name. "Title of the Essay.” Name of the Original Book. Editor’s First Name Last Name of the Original Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication (original book). Page Numbers (original book). Rpt. in *Novels for Students*. Editor’s First Name Last Name. Volume Number. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Page Numbers from Novels for Students. Medium.

**Example:**

**How to Cite an Article from Collections of Literary Criticism Published by Gale (CLC/NCLC/TCLC)**

**How to cite an article originally published in a periodical and reprinted in Gale’s Collections**


**How to cite an article/essay/chapter originally published in a book and reprinted in Gale’s Collections**


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Or try the following websites:

1. **Purdue University; Owl Purdue Online Writing Lab**
   [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/11/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/11/)

2. **Hackershandbook.com: Research and Documentation Online**
   [http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch08_s1-0011.html](http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch08_s1-0011.html)

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