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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:

Meyers, Jeffrey. *Orwell: Wintry Conscience of a Generation*. New York:

W.W. Norton, 2000. Print.

Books with an editor as author:

Warren, Nagueyalti, ed. *Critical Insights: Alice Walker*. Ipswich: Salem

Press, 2013. Print.

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

Stansky, Peter and William Abrahams. *The Unknown Orwell*. New York:

Alfred A. Knopf, 1972. Print.

Books with 4 or more authors:

Kennedy, X. J. et al. *The Bedford Guide for College Writers: With Reader,*

Research Manual, and Handbook. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2005.

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)

Brookshaw, David. "African-Brazilian Literature." *Concise Encyclopedia of Latin*

American Literature. Ed. Verity Smith. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2000.

Print.

Example (article with no author)

"Social Classes." *Shakespeare's World and Work: An Encyclopedia for Students*.

Ed. John F. Andrews. Vol. 3. New York: Scribner's, 2001. Print.

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:

Bordwell, Harold. "A Beggar to the Ends." *Commonweal* 9 Nov. 2012:10-13.

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:

Eder, Richard. "The Beast in Me: The Bombay-Born Hero of Salman

Rushdie's New Novel Rages at Life in New York." *New York Times Book*

Review 9 Sept. 2001: 8. Print.

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."

English Journal 101.2 (2011):12-13. Print.

Brozo, William G., Gerry Shiel, and Keith Topping. "Engagement in Reading:

Lessons Learned from Three PISA Countries." *Journal of Adolescent & Adult*

Literacy 51.4 (2007): 304-15. Print.

How to cite articles from *Novels for Students*

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

Format:

"Title of the Novel." *Novels for Students*. Editor's First name Last name. Volume

Number. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication. Page Numbers.

Medium.

Examples:

"Night." *Novels for Students*. Ed. Marie Rose Napierkowski. Vol. 4. Detroit: Gale,

1998. 234-35. Print.

"Satanic Verses." *Novels for Students*. Ed. Sara Constantakis and Ira Mark Milne.

Vol. 22. Detroit: Gale, 2006. 229-231. Print.

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:

Trudell, Scott. Critical Essay on "Satanic Verses." *Novels for Students*. Ed. Sara

Constantakis and Ira Mark Milne. Vol. 22. Detroit: Gale, 2006. 239-241.

Print.

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

Tradition." *Canadian Literature* 112 (Spring 1987): 9-16. Rpt. in *Novels for*

   Students. Ed. Marie Rose Napierkowski. Vol. 4. Detroit: Gale, 1998. Print.

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:

Bardolph, Jacqueline. "Language Is Courage: The Satanic Verses." *Reading*

   Rushdie: Perspectives on the Fiction of Salman Rushdie. Ed. Fletcher

   Rodopu. 209-220. Rpt. in *Novels for Students*. Ed. Sara Constantakis

   and Ira Mark Milne. Vol. 22. Detroit: Gale, 2006. 242-245. Print.

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

Taylor, Douglas. "'The Great Gatsby': Style and Myth." *University of Kansas City*

   Review 20.1 (1953): 30-40. Rpt. in *Twentieth-Century Literary*

   Criticism. Ed. Dennis Poupard and James E. Person, Jr. Vol. 14. Detroit:

Gale, 1984. 156-58. Print.

Pipes, Daniel. "How Is the Book Blasphemous?" *Rushdie Affair: The Novel,*

　　　the Ayatollah, and the West. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers,

　　　2003. 53-69. Rpt. in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*. Ed. Jeffrey W.

　　　Hunter. Vol. 272. Detroit: Gale, 2009. 281-289. Print*.*

For a complete list of examples please consult MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th ed. (REF LB 2369 .G53 2009)

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

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   http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch08_s1-0011.html

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