

# MLA Style - Citing Printed Sources

## Quick Reference Guide - Herkimer County Community College Library

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### **BOOKS**

Use the following format:

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Author Last Name	Author First Name	<u>Book Title</u> ( <u>underlined</u> )	Publisher's Location	Publisher's Name	Year

#### **Book by a single author:**

Denning, Troy. Tatooine Ghost. New York: Ballentine Books, 2003.

#### **Book by two or more authors:**

Bevel, Tom, and R. A. Gardner. Bloodstain Pattern Analysis: with an Introduction to Crime Scene Reconstruction.  
2nd ed. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2002.

Marquart, James W., Sheldon Ekland Olson, and Johnathan R. Sorensen. The Rope, the Chair, and the Needle.  
Austin, TX: University of Texas, 1994.

#### **Book by a corporate author:**

U.S. Bureau of the Census. Statistical Abstracts of the United States. 117th ed. Washington D.C.: GPO, 1997.

#### **Book with no author:**

Herkimer County at 200. Herkimer, N.Y.: Herkimer County Historical Society, 1992.

#### **Essay, poem, etc. in an anthology or edited book:**

Keeler, Kathleen. "Arming Airline Pilots Will Protect U.S. Travelers." The War On Terrorism: Opposing Viewpoints.  
Ed. Karen F. Balkin. Detroit, MI: Greenhaven Press, 2005. 169-84.

#### **Entry or article from an encyclopedia, dictionary, or other reference book:**

No author, start with the title of the entry or article.

Stowe, Ray. "Al Capone." Encyclopedia of Criminology. 2nd ed. Ed. C. O'Connor et al. Boston: Macmillian Press,  
2005.

#### **Multi-volume book set:**

One volume in a set:

Davis, H. E. "Dollar Diplomacy." Dictionary of American History. Ed. Jen Hein. Vol. 8. New York: Charles  
Scribner's Sons, 1976.

Two or more volumes in a set:

"Mozart." The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians. Ed. Stanley Sadie. 20 vols. London: Macmillan,  
1980.

### **PERIODICAL ARTICLES**

Use the following format:

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## JOURNAL ARTICLES:

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\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. "\_\_\_\_\_" \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_): \_\_\_\_\_.  
Author Author "Article Title" Journal Title Volume Year Page  
Last First (in quotation marks) (underlined) Numbers  
Name Name

### Journal with pages numbered consecutively through the issues in one year:

Kolani, Ruth. "Coetzee's FOE." The Explicator 63 (2004): 62-63.

### Journal with pages in each issue numbered separately:

Corson, David. "English Only and Social Justice." TESOL Journal 8.3 (1999): 18-22.

## MAGAZINE ARTICLES:

### Citation Elements:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. "\_\_\_\_\_" \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Author Author "Article Title" Journal Title Month Year Page  
Last First (in quotation marks) (underlined) Numbers  
Name Name

### Weekly or bi-weekly publications:

Hof, Robert D. "PayPal Spreads Its Wings." BusinessWeek 23 May 2005: 105-106.

### Monthly publications:

Hudson, Michael. "The \$4.7 Trillion Pyramid." Harper's Magazine Apr. 2005: 35-40.

## NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

### Citation Elements:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. "\_\_\_\_\_" \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Author Author "Article Title" Newspaper Name Date Edition Section  
Last First (in quotation marks) (underlined) & First  
Name Name Page  
Number

### City included in newspaper name:

Gordon, Michael R. "Russia Votes, Like it or Not." New York Times 21 Dec. 1999, late ed.: A1+.

### City not included in newspaper name:

Urich, Gerry A. "Generals Triumph." The Evening Telegram [Herkimer] 16 May 2005: 15.

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