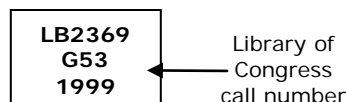


USING THE MLA FORMAT

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Important! Be sure to check with your instructor as to whether he or she prefers underlined or *italicized* titles.



CITATIONS IN THE BODY OF THE PAPER

When you omit the author's name in your sentence:

One researcher has found that dreams move backward in time as the night progresses (Dement 71).

When you mention the author's name in your sentence:

Freud states that "a dream is the fulfillment of a wish" (154).

When you cite more than one work by the same author:

One theory emphasizes the principle that dreams express "profound aspects of personality" (Foulkes, *Sleep* 184). But investigation shows that young children's dreams are "rather simple and unemotional" (Foulkes, "Dreams" 78).

When the work has two or three authors:

Psychologists hold that no two children are alike (Gesell and Ing 68).

When a work has no author, begin with the word by which the title is alphabetized in the "Works Cited" list:

Random testing for steroids use by athletes faces strong opposition by owners of several teams ("Steroids" 22).

CITATIONS IN THE "WORKS CITED" LIST

Double space all entries and list in alphabetical order by author's last name. Generally, entries have three main divisions (author, title, and publication information), each followed by a period and two spaces. See the *MLA Handbook* and Web sites listed on the handout entitled "Citation Styles for the WWW" for additional examples and advice.

Book with One Author

Mitchell, William J. City of Bits: Space, Place, and the Informationbahn. Cambridge: MIT P, 1995.

Two Books by the Same Author (Note: After the first listing of the author's name, use three hyphens and a period for the author's name; list books alphabetically.)

Basila, Martin. Commercial Uses of Communication: Today's Evolving Marketplace. New York: Dutton, 1997.

——. Media Advertising for the Masses. Philadelphia: Merton, 1995.

Book with Two or Three Authors

Jakobson, Roman, and Linda R. Waugh. The Sound Shape of Language. Bloomington: Indiana UP, 1979.

Book with Four or More Authors

Gilman, Sander, et al. Hysteria beyond Freud. Berkeley: U of California P, 1993.

Book with a Corporate Author

American Allergy Association. Allergies in Children. New York: Random, 1998.

Book or Article with no Author Named

Encyclopedia of Photography. New York: Crown, 1984.

"The Decade of the Spy." Newsweek 7 Mar. 1994: 26–27.

Work with More than One Volume

Smith, Page. A New Age Now Begins. 2 vols. New York: McGraw, 1976.

Work in an Anthology

Allende, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden. A Hammock beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America. Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88.

Work with an Editor

Dreiser, Theodore. Sister Carrie. Ed. Kenneth S. Lynn. New York: Rinehart, 1959.

Essay in a Collection of Essays

Krutch, Joseph Wood. "What the Year 2000 Won't Be Like." Finding a Voice. Ed. Jim W. Corder. Glenview, IL: Scott Foresman, 1973. 21-36.

Second or Later Edition

Ornstein, Robert. The Psychology of Consciousness. 2nd ed. New York: Harcourt, 1977.

Reprint

Doctorow, E. L. Welcome to Hard Times. 1960. New York: Vintage-Random, 1988.

Excerpted Article Reprinted in a Reference Work

Tyler, Anne. "Manic Monologue." The New Republic 17 April 1989: 44-6. Excerpted and reprinted in Contemporary Literary Criticism, Vol. 58. Ed. Roger Matuz. Detroit: Gale Research, Inc., 1990. 325.

Journal or Magazine with Continuous Pagination

Flanigan, Beverly Olson. "Peer Tutoring and Second Language Acquisition in the Elementary School." Applied Linguistics 12 (1991): 141-58.

Journal with New Page Numbers for Each Issue

Barthelme, Frederick. "Architecture." Kansas Quarterly 13.3-4 (1981): 77-80.

Weekly, Biweekly, or Monthly Magazine Article

Kaminer, Wendy. "The Last Taboo." New Republic 14 Oct. 1996: 24+.

Article in a Newspaper

Strout, Richard L. "Another Bicentennial." Christian Science Monitor 10 Nov. 1978: 27.

Article from a Reference Book

"Mandarin." Encyclopedia Americana. 1980 ed.

Government Publication

United States Dept. of Labor. Bureau of Statistics. Dictionary of Occupational Titles. 4th ed. Washington: GPO, 1977.

Radio or Television Program

The First American. Narr. Hugh Downs. Writ. and prod. Craig Fisher. NBC News Special. KNBC, Los Angeles. 21 Mar. 1968.

Film

It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell. RKO, 1946.

Personal Interview

Lesh, Philip. Personal Interview. 12 Nov. 1996.

Web Page

Washington State. Dept. of Health. Hanford Health Information Network. Radiation Health Effects: A Monograph Study of the Health Effects of Radiation and Information Concerning Radioactive Releases from the Hanford Site: 1944-1972. Sept. 1996. 22 Apr. 1999
<<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hanford/publications/health/rad-home.htm>>.

Article in an Electronic Journal or Full-text Database

Schneider, Wolfgang, et al. "Kindergarten Prevention of Dyslexia: Does Training in Phonological Awareness Work for Everybody?" Journal of Learning Disabilities (Sep/Oct 1999): 429-36. Wilson Periodical Indexes (database). Texas A&M University Libraries, College Station, TX. 27 Apr. 2000
<<http://wilsonweb3.hwwilson.com/>>.

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