

Works Cited Cheat Sheet

Name: _____

MLA Works Cited Rules...

- Leave a 1-inch margin all around the page.
- The words “**Works Cited**” must be centered at the top of the page.
- Everything must be **double-spaced**.
- Use a simple font (example: Times New Roman) in size 12.
- *After the 1st line, indent each line 1 tab or ½-inch.*
- Leave only 1 space after each period.
- Entries must be in **alphabetical order (A—Z)**.

PRINT Examples

BOOK WITH 1 AUTHOR

Author Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. *Title of Book: Subtitle*. City of

Publication: Publisher, Copyright Year. Page numbers used. Medium.

Lindsay, William. *Prehistoric Life*. London: Dorling Kindersley, 1994. 8, 38, 52. Print.

TIPS

*For publication city, use the 1st one listed.

*For publisher, leave out the words Publishing, Press, or Company.

*More than 1 copyright date??—use the most recent date. Do *not* use a date if it says “reprinted in.”

BOOK—2 AUTHORS

Patterson, James, and Gabrielle Charbonnet. *Witch and Wizard*. New York: Little, Brown and

Company, 2009. 200-314. Print.

BOOK—3 AUTHORS

Carr, Ian, Digby Fairweather, and Brian Priestly. *Jazz: The Rough Guide*. London: Rough

Guides, 1995. 201, 315-320, 425. Print.

BOOK WITH AN EDITOR(S)

Deer, Robert, ed. *Baseball's Greatest Pitchers*. New York: Prentice Hall, 2002. 154-155. Print.

Evans, Thomas, Susan Ashway, and Ruth Williams, eds. *Colonial American Cooking*.

Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 2003. 25. Print.

BOOK WITH A PUBLISHER'S IMPRINT

Nardo, Don. *Ancient Egypt*. Detroit: Kidhaven-Thomson Gale, 2002. 32-39. Print.

TIPS

*Your book has a publisher's imprint IF...it looks like there may be 2 publishers listed on the title page.

*The imprint will usually appear above the publisher on the title page. In the example above Kidhaven is the imprint and Thomson Gale is the publisher.

GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE—*General Encyclopedias cover a variety of articles and topics.*

Article Author Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Article Title." *Encyclopedia*

Title. Editor of the book's First Name Middle Initial Last Name. Date of the edition [**ed**].

Medium.

Friend, Sarah. "John Kennedy." *Encyclopedia of Presidents*. 1999 ed. Print.

"Japan." *The Encyclopedia Americana*. 2004 ed. Print.

Spurgeon, Thomas. "Schulz, Charles Monroe." *The World Book Encyclopedia*. 2010 ed. Print.

TIPS

***Does your article have an author?? Look at the beginning or end of the article.**

SPECIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE—*Specialized Encyclopedias cover a specific range of topics (i.e. animals, plants, countries, etc.).*

Article Author Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Article Title." *Encyclopedia*

Title. Ed. [Editor's] First Name Middle Initial Last Name. Vol. [Volume] Number. City

of publication: Publisher, copyright year. Page or pages used. Medium.

"Wallaroo." *Amazing Animals of the World*. Ed. Molly Stratton. Vol. 23. New York: Grolier

Educational Group, 1995. 26. Print.

TIPS

***Does your article have an author?? Look at the beginning or end of the article.**

SHORT STORY or POEM

Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial of author of chapter, article or poem. "Chapter article or Poem

Title." *Title of Book*. Ed. [Editor's] First Name Middle Initial Last Name. Edition. Volume. City of

Publication: Publisher, Copyright Date. Pages used. Medium.

Poe, Edgar Allan. "The Pit and the Pendulum." *The Complete Illustrated Stories and Poems*. London:

Chancellor, 1994. 21-33. Print.

Smith, Erich. "The New Colossus." *101 Great American Poems*. Ed. The American Poetry and Literacy

Project. Mineola: Dover, 1998. 33. Print.

TIPS

***If edition and volume information are *not* on the title page, leave them out.**

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Author Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Title of Article." *Name of Newspaper* Date of

Newspaper DAY MONTH YEAR, edition [if included in masthead]: page numbers used. Medium.

Taylor, Vicky. "New Era Dawns at Fire Station." *Public Opinion* [Chambersburg] 10 June 2010: 1A+. Print

Williams, Levi R. "Ships Sail South on Sunny Sunday." *Greenville News* 25 May 2003, final ed.: A1+. Print.

TIPS

*If the title of the newspaper begins with "the," leave it out.

*If the city is not included in the name of the newspaper, put it after the title in brackets [Springfield].

*If an article continues to the next page, use a hyphen – between page numbers (i.e. 15-16).

*If an article continues to a different page, use a+, like the example above.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Author Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine* Date of

Magazine DAY MONTH YEAR: Page numbers used. Medium.

McIntosh, Susan, and Roderick McIntosh. "Finding West Africa's Oldest City." *National Geographic* Sept.

1982: 396-418. Print.

TIPS

*If the magazine is weekly write the date like this : DayMonthYear ; if it is monthly, write it : MonthYear.

WEB Examples

WEBSITE

Author Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Title of Web Page." *Title of Website*.

Publisher or Sponsor of Site, Copyright Date or Date Updated DAY MONTH YEAR.

Medium of publication. Date of access DAY MONTH YEAR. <URL>.

Ruhlmann, William. "John Coltrane: Biography." *All Music*. Rovi Corporation, 2010. Web. 11

June 2010. <<http://allmusic.com/cg/amg.dll?p=amg&sql=11:dvftxqr5ldfe~T1>>.

TIPS

* No publisher??—use N.p.

* No copyright date??—use n.d.

* No author??—skip it and start with "Title of Web Page."

ONLINE DATABASE

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Name or Initial. "Article Title." *Periodical or Journal*

Name Volume number.Issue number (year): Page numbers. *Database Name*. Medium. Date of Access

DAY MONTH YEAR.

"Edgar Allan Poe, 1809-1849." *Contemporary Authors* (2004): n. pag. *Contemporary Authors Online*. Web. 19 Aug. 2010.

Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." *African American Review* 32.1 (1998): 9-16. *JSTOR*. Web. 5 June 2008.

TIPS

- * **If the Periodical/Journal title begins with "the" leave it out.**
- * **If the article is on consecutive pages, use a hyphen 56-62 ; if not, use a + 43+ .**
- * **If pages aren't available, use n. pag .**