

CITATION FORMAT

To identify information sources used in research, the main elements to include are: (1) author's name, (2) title of the work (3) publisher and date. The examples listed below are based on MLA style.

- Underline or italicize titles; italics are best for sources from the web or published on the Internet
- Use a period and one space after each element. If there is a missing element, such as no author, continue with the next required element.
- Start the first line of each citation at the left margin with succeeding lines indented five spaces.
- List each source alphabetically by author's last name or title if there is no author.
- Consult the *MLA Handbook* or <http://www.mla.org> for more examples and explanation.
- An * by an entry indicates an example in the In-Text Citations section.

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 6th ed. New York: Modern Language Association, 2003.

BOOKS

- *Single author: Obama, Barack. *Dreams From My Father*. New York: Random House, 2007.
- Two authors: Strunk, William, Jr., and E.B. White. *The Elements of Style*. 4th ed. New York: Longman Publishers, 2000.
- More than three authors: Alaback, Paul, et al. *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast: Washington, Oregon, British Columbia & Alaska*. Vancouver, B.C.: Lone Pine publishing, 1994.
- *Unknown author: *The Koran*. Trans. Mohammed Marmaduke Pickthall. New York: Tahrike Tarsile Qur'an, Inc., 2006.
- Essay or Chapter within a collection: Bratt, Larry. "Television May Encourage Gang Crime." Cozic, Charles P., ed. *Gangs: Opposing Viewpoints*. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 1996.
- Ebook (electronic book): Block, Jay A., and Betrus, Michael. *101 More Best Resumes*. New York: McGraw-Hill Professional, 1999. NetLibrary. Seattle Public Library. 24 Mar. 2003 <<http://www.netlibrary.com>>.
- Audio Book: Beah, Ishmael. *A Long Way Gone*. 2007. Read by Ishmael Beah. Audiobook. Audio Renaissance, 2007.

REFERENCE SOURCES

- General encyclopedia article: Coyne, Jerry A. "Evolution." *The World Book Encyclopedia*. 1999.
- Subject encyclopedia article: "Zambia." *Africa: An Encyclopedia for Students*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2002.
- Online reference database: "Jacksonian democracy." *American Government*. ABC-CLIO Schools Subscriptions Web Sites. Garfield High School Lib. 7 Apr. 2003 <<http://www.americangovernment.abc-clio.com>> .

PERIODICAL ARTICLES

- Article in a weekly publication: Zakaria, Fareed. "There's More to Fear Than Fear." Newsweek 02/02/2009: 26-28.

- Journal article: Steinbrook, Robert. "Beyond Barcelona-the Global Response to HIV." *The New England Journal of Medicine* 347.8 (2001):553-554.
- Newspaper Article: Skolink, Sam. "Agents Raid Tacoma Gun Shop." *Seattle Post Intelligencer*. 5 Dec. 2002: B1.
- Full text from a Periodical Database: Bittman, Mark. "Beyond Tandoori in New Delhi" *The New York Times* 02 March 2003: 5.6. *ProQuest Direct*. ProQuest Information and Learning Company. Garfield High School Lib., 10 Apr. 2003 <<http://proquest.umi.com/pdqweb>>.

URLS for MLA Citations of Full-Text Articles from GHS Library's Subscription Databases

American Government Discovering Collection	http://www.americangovernment.abc-clio.com/
Novelist	http://find.galegroup.com/
ProQuest Direct	http://search.epnet.com http://proquest.umi.com/pdqweb

WORLD WIDE WEB SITES & SOURCES

- Entire Website: National First Ladies' Library. 2005. Museum/Saxton Mckinley House. 30 Jan. 2009 <<http://www.firstladies.org/index.htm>>.
- *Page on a Website: "Abigail Adams." National First Ladies' Library. 2005. Museum/Saxton Mckinley House. 30 Jan. 2009. <<http://www.firstladies.org/biographies/firstladies.aspx?biography=2>>.
- Page on a Website: "Tupac Shakur." Wikipedia. 29 Jan 2009. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 30 Jan. 2009 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tupac_Shakur>.
- Electronic Journals: Gourse, Leslie. "Jazz Liberates Paris." *American Heritage* 51.2 (2000) 7 Apr. 2003 <<http://www.americanheritage.com/AMHER/2000/02/jazz.shtml>>.
- Government Site: United States. The National Park Service. Nature Net. NPS Wildlife and Plants Webpage. *Birdwatching in the National Parks*. February 2003. 7 Apr. 2003 <<http://www.nps.gov/oia/NPSBirds.html>>.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

- Videos: *Jimi Hendrix: The Uncut Story*. Dir. Steven Vosburgh. DVD. Passport Video, 2004.
- Television or Radio Program: "Ansel Adams: A Documentary Film." Narr. David Ogden Stiers. *American Experience*. Sierra Club Productions and Steeplechase Films. PBS. KCTS, Seattle. 21 Apr. 2002.
- Music (song from a compact disc): Franklin, Aretha. "Call Me." *Aretha's Best*. Rhino, 2001.
- Interview (broadcast): Marsalis, Branford. Interview with Terry Gross. *Fresh Air*. National Public Radio. KUOW, Seattle. 29 Apr. 2002.
- Personal Interview: Locke, Gary. Personal Interview. 10 Dec. 2002.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

To give proper credit to the source from which you extracted your ideas for your essays and papers, in-text citations can be used. When using an in-text citation, the author and relevant page numbers are listed parenthetically immediately following the quote or idea. All sources for your in-text citations must be included in the full citations on your Works Cited page.

*Single Author: (Obama 135)

Note: If there are works cited by multiple authors with the same last name, you must include the first initial here.

Multiple Authors: (Bartholet and Stone 52; Obama 50)

Note: These are for authors with concurring opinions, supporting your thesis.

Unknown Author: (*Koran* 46)

*Electronic Sources: ("Abigail Adams")

Note: the URL and other information will all be listed in your complete citation.

Example – quoted material:

Barack Obama found his voice early, when he addressed a college rally. "I really wanted to stay up there, to hear my voice bouncing off the crowd and returning back to me in applause. I had so much left to say." (Obama 107).

Example – multiple authors with concurring opinions:

The current administration has a broad international perspective. Many of the officials now in service have grown up or traveled extensively in other countries. This gives them greater insight into other cultures and understanding of people from different backgrounds (Bartholet and Stone 52; Obama 50).

Example – website:

First lady, Abigail Adams, enjoyed her role as hostess while her husband was president. She also influenced fashion greatly while he was in office ("Abigail Adams").

Additional resources:

- Cornell University: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/mla>
- Landmark's Son of Citation Machine: <http://citationmachine.net/>
- Long Island University: <http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/workshop/citmla.htm>
- The OWL at Purdue: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/>

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http://ghs.seattleschools.org/documents/citation_format.pdf