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PRINT Publications

Non-Periodical - Print Publications i.e Books, Pamphlets

Single author:

Author's name. *Title of the book*. City of publication: Publisher, Date of publication.
Print.

Kurlansky, Mark. *Salt: A World History*. New York: Walker, 2002. Print.

Two or more authors:

Hutcheon, Linda, and Michael Hutcheon. *Bodily Charm: Living Opera*. Lincoln: U of Nebraska P, 2000. Print.

Three or more authors:

Plago, Ingo. et al. *Introduction to English Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton, 2007. Print.

Editor (no author)

Weisser, Susan Ostrove, ed. *Women and Romance: A Reader* New York : University Press, 2001. Print.

The Holy Bible. New York: Macmillan, 1997. Print.

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Encyclopedia:

Author's name (if given). "Title of piece". *Title of book*. Year of publication. Print.

James, Scott. "21st Century Technology." *Encyclopedia of Technology*. 2005. Print.

Multivolume Work (Encyclopedia and other sources):

Blanco, Richard L. ed. *The American Revolution, 1775-1783: An Encyclopedia*. 2 vols. Hamden: Garland. 1993. Print.

Schlesinger, Arthur M, Jr. ed. *History of US Political Parties*. 4 vols. New York: Chelsea Publishers, 1973. Print.

Periodical Print Publications:

(Scholarly journals and magazines vary in information)

Author's Name (L,F,M). "Title of the Article" *Publication information* Date: Page(s). Print.

"It Barks! It Kicks! It Scores!" *Newsweek* 30 July 2001: 12. Print.

Piper, Andrew. "Rethinking the Print Object." *Journal of Libraries* 30 Oct. 2006: 124-36. Print.

Web Publications

Website: Non-periodical publications

There are many different types of web sites. This is a basic sample. Consult the MLA Handbook for more specific websites, like scholarly journals, etc.

Name of the author, compiler, corporate author. "Title of work (page)." *Title of Web Site*. Publisher or Sponsor of site (n.p if not available) Date of Publication or n.d. Medium of Publication. Date of Access. <URL optional>.

Quade, Alex. "Elite Team Rescues Troops Behind Enemy Lines." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 19 Mar. 2007. Web. 15 Aug. 2009.

"History of the Internet." *MIT News and Information*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2009. Web. 27 Sept. 2009. < www.mit.edu >.

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Database: Sources from Online Subscription Databases
(EBSCO, Gale, Ferguson's Career, AP Images)

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." *Original publication periodical title*.
Date of publication: page number of original publication. *Name of Database*.
Database Publisher. Medium of Publication. Date of access. < URL optional >.

Kortez, Gene. "Economic Trends: Uh-Oh, Warm Water." *Business Week*. 21 July
1997: 22. *EBSCO Web*. EBSCO Publishing. Web. 17 Oct. 1997.

Youakim, Sami. "Work-Related Asthma." *American Family Physicians* 64 (2001):
1839-52. *Health Reference Center*. Gale. Web. 12 Jan. 2002.

Online Government Publication:

Corporate Author. *Title of Work*. Ed. Editor's first name last name. Year of publication.
Medium of publication. Date of access.

United States. Dept. of Justice. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
Prevention. *Law Enforcement and Juvenile Crime*. By Howard N. Snyder.
Dec. 2001. Web. 29 June 2002.

Television or radio program available through a website

Keillor, Garrison. *A Prairie Home Companion*. With Ledward Ka'apana and
Owana Salazar. 12 Oct. 2002. Minnesota Public Radio. Web. 18 Oct. 2002.

Komando, Kim. "Password Security." *WCBS News Radio*. WCBS, New York. 20
May 2002 Transcript. Web. 23 May 2002.

E-mail message

Boyle, Anthony T. "Re: Utopia." *E-mail to Daniel J. Cahill*. Web. 21 June 1997.

Other Sources:

Interview (media):

Wiesel, Elie. Interview by Ted Koppel. *Nightline*. ABC. WABC, New York. 18 April
2002. Television.

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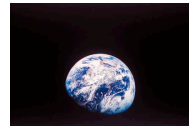
Interview (personal):

Reed, James. *Personal Interview: How to Make a Computer*. 10 Dec. 2005.

Pictures:

From Web Site

“Earth seen from space during the Apollo 8 mission: Life Magazine.” *Time Inc.* Google Images. December 1968. Web. 29 Sept. 2009.

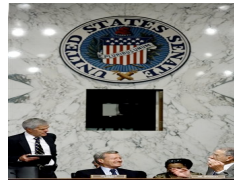


Parenthetical Citation Example

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From a online Subscription Database

Magana, Jose Luis. “Health Care Overhaul.” *AP Images*. Associated Press. 29 September 2009. Online Database. 29 September 2009.



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Performance:

Heartbreak House. By George Bernard Shaw. Dir. Robin Lefevre. Perf. Philip Bosco and Swoosie Kurtz. Roundabout Theatre Company, American Airlines Theatre, New York. 1 Oct 2006. Performance.

Video Recording:

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

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