



Modern Language Association (MLA)
Formulas for Documenting Different Sources
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BOOK REFERENCE

Formula:

1. Author's name
2. Title of a part of the book (for example, a chapter) in quotation marks
3. Title of the book underlined
4. Name of the editor, translator or compiler
5. Edition used
6. Number(s) of volume(s) used
7. Place of publication: name of publisher, and year of publication
8. Page numbers

NOTE: Many books will not have all of these parts. If something is not available, just skip it!

Example:

Stokes, Amy. "My Beautiful Baby Boy." My Life So Far. Ed. Sara Erdman. 2nd ed. Vol. 4. Wilmington: Ashley Press, 2002. 45-56.

INTERNET SOURCE

Formula:

1. Name of the author (last name, first name.)
2. Title of the material accessed (in quotation marks)
3. Title of the website
4. Date of the material (day month year)
5. The word "on-line"
6. Name of the computer service
7. Date accessed
8. Electronic address

Example:

Watkins, Marquese. "Jadakiss is the Greatest." March 2002. Online. Netscape Navigator. 12 Oct. 2002. Available <http://quese'sfavorite.com>

PERIODICAL

Formula:

1. Author's name (last name, first name.)
2. Title of the article (in quotation marks)
3. Name of the periodical (underlined)
4. Volume number
5. Issue number
6. Date of publication (year only in parentheses, then a colon)
7. Page numbers

Example:

Berridge, Dominique. "Churches are the Worst." Ashley Happenings. 1.3 (2001): 2-43.

ON-LINE PERIODICAL

Formula:

1. Author's name (last name, first name.)
2. Title of the article (in quotation marks)
3. Name of the periodical (underlined)
4. Volume number
5. Issue number
6. Date of publication (year only in parentheses, then a colon)
7. Page numbers
9. The word "on-line"
10. Name of the computer service
11. Date accessed
12. Electronic address

Example:

Lane, Felicia. "Continue to Rule." Getting Straight A's. 4.12 (2001): 4-5. Online. Netscape Navigator. 14 Oct. 2000. Available <http://theprettyqud.com>.