



## MLA Citation Guide

(Based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.)

### Why Cite

Whenever you include someone else's ideas in a paper, you must document or cite the source of the ideas. In other words, if you have learned anything new and include it in your paper, you must give credit to whoever provided the new information. **Remember that failure to do so properly is PLAGIARISM.**

### How to Cite

To properly cite, you must include two different pieces of information in your paper.

1. Throughout your paper, you must identify the author and the page number of the material used. This is called the *in-text citation* or *parenthetical citation*.
2. At the end of your paper, you must create a list of resources that you cited in your paper. This is called the *Works Cited* list.

### Basic Format of an MLA Research Paper (Chapter 4)

- One inch margins, except for page numbers located at 0.5 inches.
- Your last name and the page number goes at the top of every page.
- Document should be double spaced.
- The *Works Cited* list begins on a new page

### Citation Examples (Chapters 5 and 6)

#### Print References

#### 1. Article in a Scholarly Journal (Single Author)

Flouri, Eirini. "Subjective Well-Being in Midlife: The Role of Involvement of and Closeness to Parents in Childhood." *Journal of Happiness Studies* 5.4 (Dec. 2004): 335-358. Print.

In-text Citation: (Flouri 336).

#### 2. Article in a Scholarly Journal (Three Authors)

Starkstein, Sergio E., Romina Mizrahi, and Brian D. Power. "Depression in Alzheimer's Disease: Phenomenology, Clinical Correlates and Treatment." *International Review of Psychiatry* 20.4 (2008): 382-388. Print.

In-text Citation: (Starkstein, Mizrahi, and Power 387).

#### 3. Article in a Magazine (Published Monthly)

Pagán, Camille Noe. "The Healthiest Walking Workout." *Prevention* May 2009: 86-88. Print.

#### 4. Book

Rosenbaum, Richard B. *Understanding Parkinson's Disease: A Personal and Professional View*. Westport: Praeger, 2006. Print.

In-text Citation (Author Mentioned in Paper): Rosenbaum stated that there are many causes of Parkinson's Disease (127).

## **Electronic References**

### **1. Electronic Book**

Kornblum, William. *At Sea in the City: New York from the Water's Edge*. Chapel Hill: Algonquin Books, 2002.

*NetLibrary*. Web. 23 June 2009.

In-text Citation: (Kornblum 124).

### **2. Magazine**

Borowitz, Adam. "Pavlov's Brother." *New Yorker* 11 Nov. 2004: 63-65. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 19 Apr.

2009.

### **3. Scholarly Article in an Online Database (with page numbers)**

Szafran, Robert F. "The Effect of Academic Load on Success for New College Students: Is Lighter Better?" *Research in Higher Education* 42.1 (2001): 27-50. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 21 June 2009.

In-text Citation: (Szafran 32).

### **4. Scholarly Article in an Online Database (without page numbers)**

Hughes, Jane C., Elizabeth V. Brestan, and Linda Anne Valle. "Problem-Solving Interactions between Mothers and Children." *Child and Family Behavior Therapy* 26.1 (2004): n. pag. *PsycINFO*. Web. 12 Nov. 2008.

In-text Citation: (Hughes, Brestan, and Valle).

### **5. Opposing Viewpoints Database (Work on the Web Cited with Print Publication Data)**

Henderson, David R. "Raising the Minimum Wage Will Not Reduce Poverty." *Opposing Viewpoints: Poverty*.

Ed. Vigi Wagner. Detroit, 2007. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 13 July 2009.

In-text Citation: (Henderson).

### **6. Newspaper Article**

Brown, Leah. "Ancient Egyptian Artifacts Recovered in New York." *New York Times* 15 Sept. 1999: A1+. *Newsbank*. Web. 10 June 2006.

### **7. Website**

"Iranian Council Approves Presidential Election." *National Public Radio*. Natl. Public Radio, 29 June 2009. Web. 7 July 2009.

In-text Citation: ("Iranian").

## **Additional Help**

- *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (Call Number: 808.02 G437 -- available at all campuses)
- HACC Library pages on Citing Sources  
<http://lib2.hacc.edu/guides/researchprocess/cite.html>
- EasyBib: MLA7 Reference Guide  
<http://cdn.easybib.com/media/guides/easybib-mla7-guide.pdf>
- Information and Library Services, University of Maryland University College  
<http://www.umuc.edu/library/guides/mla.shtml>
- The HACC Office for Academic Success provides workshops on MLA formatting.