MLA Citation Guide - Print Materials
(Template with Examples)

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**Book by One Author**

Information Needed:
Author's last name, Author's first name and middle initial. Title of book. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Gottfried 56)

Special Notes:
*If multiple cities are listed, use first city listed on the title page. Use most recent publication date.

**Book by Two Authors**

Information Needed:
Author's last name, Author's first and middle initial, and Full name of second author. Title of book. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Devall and Sessions 43)

Special Notes:
*DO NOT reverse the order of the second author's name. Also, list the authors as they are listed on the title page. DO NOT re-order them alphabetically.

**Book by Three Authors**

Information Needed:
First author's last name, First author's first and middle names, Second author's full name, and Third author's full name. Title of book. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Johnson, Henderson, and Slate 124)

Special Notes:
*Only reverse the first author's name.
**Book by Four or More Authors**

Information Needed:
First author's last name, First author's first and middle names, et al. Title of book. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Capote et al. 283)

Special Notes: *et al. is Latin for "and all"

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**Work within a Collection by Multiple Authors**

Information Needed:

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Darity 76)

Special Notes: *Special name designations (Jr., III, etc.) appear after a comma, after the author's first or middle name whichever is the final name element.

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**Book with No Author**

Information Needed:
Title of book. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards: (Webster's 235)

Special Notes: *Only use the first significant word of the title should be used in the parenthetical reference. Omit articles a, an, the.

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**Book with a Translator or Compiler**

Information Needed:
Last name of the author of the translated work, First name of the author of the translated work. Title of the work. Trans. Full name of the translator. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Alighieri 132)
**Book by a Corporate Author**

**Information Needed:**
Name of corporation that authored the book. Title of book. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

**Example:**

**Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:**
(Reader's 152)

**Special Notes:**
*Only use the first significant word of the corporation's name.*

**Book with an Editor - No Author Given**

**Information Needed:**
Last name of book editor, First name of book editor, ed. Title of book. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

**Example:**

**Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:**
(Champagne 231)

**Special Notes:**
*ed. stands for editor. If the book has multiple editors, use “eds”.*

**Second Edition of a Book**

**Information Needed:**
Author's last name, Author's first and middle names, and Second author's full name. Title of book. Edition numeration ed. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

**Example:**

**Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:**
(Tunnell and Jacobs 86)

**Special Notes:**
*This example has two authors. The name of the second author is NOT reversed. Note the form of the numeration of the edition and that it is followed by the abbreviation for edition, ed.*

**Magazine Article**

**Information Needed:**
Last name of author of article. First and middle names of author of article. "Title of article." Title of magazine Date of magazine: page numbers on which the article appears in the magazine. Medium of Publication.

**Example:**

**Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:**
(Elliott 26)

**Special Notes:**
*The title of the magazine is NOT followed by any punctuation. The format of the date of the magazine is day first then the month (or abbreviation of the month--consult MLA for correct format) then the year.*
Newspaper Article

Information Needed:
Last name of author of article, First and middle names of author of article. "Title of
newspaper article." Title of newspaper Date of newspaper, Edition of newspaper
ed., Section in which article appears sec.: page numbers on which article is
found. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Krebs E1)

Special Notes:
* Articles (a, an, the) are eliminated from titles of newspapers.
* The title of the newspaper is NOT followed by any punctuation.
* If the article is not published on consecutive pages, use a plus sign to indicate the article runs
  on multiple pages.
* The format of the date of the newspaper is day first then the month (or abbreviation of the
  month--consult MLA for correct format) then the year.

Government Publication

Information Needed:
Author of publication. Title of publication. City of publication: Name of publishing
company/entity, Copyright date. Medium of Publication.

Example:
United States. Department of Education. Assistance to States for the Education of
Children with Disabilities and the Early Intervention Program for Infants and

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(United 122)

Special Notes:
* The author is the jurisdiction of the governing body. Use only the first significant word of the
  author.

Article from Reference Book (Encyclopedia)

Information Needed:
"Title of article." Title of reference work/encyclopedia. Date of publication/Edition
statement ed. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
("Comets" 124)

Special Notes:
* In this example (as is the case in most general encyclopedias) no author is given for the article,
  so you begin with the title. If an author is given, be sure to list him/her first in last name, first and
  middle name order.
Article From One Volume of a Multivolume Work

Information Needed:
Last name of author of article, First name of author of article. "Title of article." Title of multivolume set. Ed. Full name of editor. Vol. Volume in which article appears. City of publication: Name of publishing company, Copyright date of multivolume set. Page numbers on which article appears. Medium of Publication.

Example:

Citation in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Smith 256)

Two or More Works by the Same Author

Information Needed:
Same as book by one author

Example from Works Cited Page:

Citations in Paper and on Note Cards:
(Fixx, Complete 152)
(Fixx, Second 127)

Special Notes:
*On a works cited page, the second work by the same author begins with three dashes and a period. This denotes that the second book was written by the author in the previous entry. When you have more than one work by the same author, you have to distinguish the works in the parenthetical references by adding title abbreviations.