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For sources located online - DOIs/Permalinks/URLs:
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Books	[RW 429-434] [MLA 313-319]

Basic Format – Book
Author. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, year of publication.

Notes on publishers: [RW 419] [MLA 172]
- Omit words such as Inc. and Co.
- Keep words such as Books and Press
- For university publishers, use U and P for the words University and Press, such as: Yale UP

Book with one author:
Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *Between the World and Me.* Spiegel and Grau, 2015.

Books with two authors:
Conklin, Christina, and Marina Psaros. *The Atlas of Disappearing Places: Our Coasts and Oceans in the Climate Crisis.* New Press, 2021.

Book with three or more authors:
Blaine, John, et al. *The Secret of Success.* Gale, 2008.

Note: All works cited entries follow the same format for one, two, or three or more authors. [RW 417-418] [MLA 111-112]

Book with an editor:
Stotts, Taneka, editor. *Elements: Fire: An Anthology by Creators of Color.* Beyond Press, 2017.

Signed (authored) chapter in edited book, anthology, or article in reference book (e.g. encyclopedia):
DeNardis, Laura. "Internet Points of Control as Global Governance." *Organized Chaos: Reimagining the Internet,* edited by Mark Raymond and Gordon Smith, Center for International Governance Innovation, 2014, pp. 31-46.

Unsigned (Anonymous) article in an encyclopedia or dictionary:
"Reckon." *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,* 10th ed., Merriam-Webster, 2002, p. 973

E-Book edition [RW 429] [MLA 316]
Jemisin, N. K. *The Fifth Season.* E-book ed., Orbit, 2015.

E-Book in a database [RW 431] [MLA 316]
Orr, Elizabeth L., and William N. Orr. *Oregon Geology.* 6th ed., Oregon State UP, 2012. *ProQuest Ebook Central,* https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/clark/detail.action?docID=3384206.

E-Book contained in a website [RW 431] [MLA 316]
Pieters, Jules, et al., editors. *Collaborative Curriculum Design for Sustainable Innovation and Teacher Learning.* Springer Nature, 2019. *Springer Link,* https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-20062-6.

Gale Virtual Reference Library **database – chapter/ reference entry**
Meleen, Nathan H. "Mount St. Helens." *Environmental Encyclopedia,* 4th ed., vol. 2, Gale, 2011, pp. 1099-1100. *Gale Virtual Reference Library,* https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/CX1918700958/GVRL.reference?u=clark_integrated&sid=bookmark-GVRL.reference&xid=677d6504**.**

Gale Virtual Reference Library **database – chapter/ reference entry, with editor**
Jamieson, Dale. "Global Climate Change." *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy,* edited by J. Baird Callicott and Robert Frodeman, vol. 1, Macmillan Reference USA, 2009, pp. 458-463. *Gale Virtual Reference Library,* https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/CX3234100143/GVRL.reference?u=clark_integrated&sid=bookmark-GVRL.reference&xid=3129ecff.

Print Periodicals - Journals, Magazines, Newspapers
[RW 423-424] [MLA 319-323, 158-164]

Basic Format
Author. "Article Title." *Publication Title*, volume, issue number, date, page numbers.
Note: If the source (such as some magazines or newspapers) does not have volume or issue numbers, you would just leave them out of the citation

Article from print periodical with one author
Nelson, Michael Paul. "Ground Rules for Ethical Ecology." *American Scientist,* vol. 109, no. 4, July-Aug. 2021, pp. 246-49.

Article from periodical with a season in the date
Aleman, Jesse. "Always in Resistance." *Aperture,* no. 245, winter 2021, pp. 26-33.

Article in daily newspaper printed on nonconsecutive pages [MLA 243]
Hubler, Shawn, and Katie Benner. "A Mediating Force on a Divided California Court." *New York Times,* 7 Feb. 2022, pp. 1+.

Electronic Periodicals - Journals, Magazines, Newspapers
[RW 424-429] [MLA 325-326, 158-164]

Basic Format (Notes on DOIs, Permalinks, and URLs on the top of p. 1 of this guide!)
Author. "Article Title." *Publication Title*, volume, issue number, date, page numbers. *Name of Database,* DOI/Permalink/URL.

Article in a database, with a DOI
Krimm, Hannah, and Emily Lund. "Efficacy of Online Learning Modules for Teaching Dialogic Reading Strategies and Phonemic Awareness." *Language, Speech & Hearing Services in Schools (Online),* vol. 52, no. 4, 2021, pp. 1020-1030. *ProQuest,* https://doi.org/10.1044/2021_LSHSS-21-00011.

Article in a database, with a permalink

Hutchings, Richard M., and Scott Williams. "Salish Sea Islands Archaeology and Precontact History." *Journal of Northwest Anthropology,* vol. 54, no. 1, spring 2020, pp. 22-61. *Academic Search Complete*, http://ezproxy.clark.edu:12048/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=146020039&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Article from online journal (no DOI or permalink)

Weidman, Sean, and Aaren Pastor. "Modernism and Gender at the Limits of Stylometry." *Digital Humanities Quarterly,* vol. 15, no. 4, 2021, www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/15/4/000566/000566.html.

Magazine article from database

Tattoli, Chantel. "Think UFOs Are Space Aliens? Think Weirder." *Wired,* vol. 30, no. 4, Apr. 2022, p. 26. *Gale OneFile: Computer Science,* https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A700321533/CDB?u=clark_integrated&sid=bookmark-CDB&xid=bdbaaf55.

Newspaper article from database

Kauffman, Jonathan. "Growing a New Future for Farming." *New York Times,* 2 May 2022. *ProQuest,* http://ezproxy.clark.edu:12048/login?qurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.proquest.com%2Fnewspapers%2Fgrowing-new-future-farming%2Fdocview%2F2658376936%2Fse-2%3Faccountid%3D1157.

Web Sources	[RW 434-436] [MLA 324-327]

Basic Format

Author. "Title of Work." *Title of Site*, publisher or sponsor of site, date of publication or update, URL.

Notes: • **Publisher or sponsor of site only needed if different from title of site**
• **Include accessed date if there is no publication or update date, or you suspect the work has been altered or removed.** [MLA 211]

Short work from website

Milman, Oliver. "California Beekeepers Turn to GPS Tracking and Cameras to Foil Hive Thefts." *The Guardian,* 22 Feb. 2022, www.theguardian.com/science/2022/feb/22/beekeepers-california-gps-tracking-cameras-theft-hives.

Work from website with publisher or sponsor different than title of site

Derman-Sparks, Louise. "Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books." *Social Justice Books*, Teaching for Change, 2016, https://socialjusticebooks.org/guide-for-selecting-anti-bias-childrens-books/.

Short work from website, author unknown (author element omitted) [MLA 107-108]

"The Historic Pacific Highway in Washington: The City of Vancouver." *Pacific Highway Washington US 99*, 2020, www.pacific-hwy.net/vancouver_city.htm.

Written and published by organization and without a date (author element omitted) [MLA 119]

"How to Start Birding." *National Audubon Society*, www.audubon.org/birding/how-to-start-birding. Accessed 22 Feb. 2022.

Government document [MLA 120]

United States, Environmental Protection Agency. "Equitable Development and Environmental Justice." *EPA*, 29 Nov. 2021, www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/equitable-development-and-environmental-justice.

Blog entry

Beschizza, Rob. "Roboto Serif, a New Typeface from Google." *Boing Boing*, 19 Feb. 2022, boingboing.net/2022/02/19/roboto-serif-a-new-typeface-from-google.html.

From the comment section (author element is the commenter's screen name)
BK2015, Comment on "Google Lowered its Salaries in North Carolina. Now Workers are Protesting."
Washington Post, 18 Feb. 2022, www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2022/02/18/google-raleigh-hbcu-salary/.

Online video clip
Nye, Bill. "Climate Change 101 with Bill Nye, National Geographic." *YouTube*, uploaded by National Geographic, 2 Dec. 2015, https://youtu.be/EtW2rrLHs08.

Emails (two examples given) [RW 444] [MLA 337]
Doe, Jane. E-mail to John Doe. 22 Feb. 2022

Doe, Jane. E-mail to the author. 10 Mar. 2022.

Social Media	[RW 423, 435] [MLA 326-327, 118]

Basic Format

Account Name [@handle]. "First line of post as written, stylized, and capitalized." *Title of Site,* date, URL.

Notes: • **If account name is a person's full name use format: Last, First**
• **You can omit handle if it is similar to account name**   [MLA 118]

Tweet
Governor Jay Inslee [@GovInslee]. "State revenues continue to be strong." *Twitter,* 22 Feb. 2022, twitter.com/GovInslee/status/1496206989697118209?cxt=HHwWgsDTtY6VzMMpAAAA.

Tweet with person's name as account name, and handle similar to account name
Whitehead, Colson. "Wow, I did some research for the book there, winter of '97." *Twitter*, 30 Jan. 2022, twitter.com/colsonwhitehead/status/1487806200855027714?cxt=HHwWhICziez236UpAAAA.

Facebook post, organization as author (URL shortened due to length, see top of p. 1 of guide)
ACLU. "Our schools should be safe and healthy learning environments." *Facebook,* 28 Apr. 2022, https://www.facebook.com/aclu.

Media/Art/Images	[RW 437-442] [MLA 328-335]

Film [RW 437-438] [MLA 328-330]
First Cow. Directed by Kelly Reichardt, A24, 2019.

Film viewed through an app [RW437-439] [MLA 328-329]
The Lighthouse. Directed by Robert Eggers, A24, 2019. *Amazon Prime Video* app.

Television episode viewed on a website [RW 438] [MLA 329-330]
"New York State of Mind." *Hip-Hop Evolution,* season 2, episode 4, Banger Films, 2018. *Netflix,* www.netflix.com.

Work of art (e.g. painting, photograph, sculpture) viewed firsthand [RW441] [MLA 331-332]
Kahlo, Frida. *Diego on My Mind.* 1943, Portland Art Museum, Portland.

Image or work of art viewed in a book [RW 441-442] [MLA 332-333]
Smithson, Robert. *Spiral Jetty.* 1970, Salt Lake City, Utah. *Gardner's Art Through the Ages: A Global History,* 13th ed., by Fred S. Kleiner, Thompson Wadsworth, 2009, p. 1014.

Image or work of art viewed online [RW 441] [MLA 332]
Wyeth, Andrew. *Christina's World,* 1948. *MOMA,* www.moma.org/collection/works/78455.