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A quick reference guide for bibliography in the MLA format.

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Print Sources



Books with one author:

Author of Book (Last Name, First). *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Publication Medium.

Ex. Garrett, Pat F. *The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1974.

Print.

Books with more than one author:

First Author of Book (Last Name, First), and Second Author (First Name, First). *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Publication Medium.

- Ex. Yolen, Jane, and Bruce Coville. Armageddon Summer. San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace, 1998. Print.
- **If there are more than 3 authors, list only the first author, followed by the phrase **et al.** instead of the additional authors' names. Or, you may list all of the authors in the order in which their names appear on the title page.

Encyclopedia

Author of Article (if available). "Title of Article." Title of Reference Work. Edition. Date of Publication. Publication Medium.

Ex. Lofaro, Michael A. "Billy the Kid." World Book Encyclopedia. 2009 ed. 2008. Print.

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Non Print / Online Resources



<u>Any</u> information taken from <u>any</u> site on the Internet, must be credited as any other source used for your project. While some students find the web easier for doing research, the "citation part" of information taken from web sources can prove tricky at times. Be patient. Locating required citation information from these sources can be difficult, but is usually not impossible. It just requires an extra bit of digging. Remember, if you need help finding information, just ask!

Standard Web Page

Author of Web Page. Title of Web Page. Name of Organizaton / Institution affiliated with site (if available.) Date of creation / last update. Publication Medium (Web). Date of access. < Web address (URL)>.

Ex. Guarino, Mark. After 130 Years, Will Billy the Kid Finally Get a Governor's Pardon? Christian Science Monitor. 29 Dec 2010. Web. 30 Dec 2010. http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/.

Images and / or Photographs

Artist / Photographer's Name. Title of Work. Date of Composition (If not available, write N.d.) Title of WebPage. Publication Medium. Date of access. < Web address (URL)>.

Ex. Billy the Kid.N.d. After 130 Years, Americans Want to Pardon Billy the Kid. Web. 30 Dec 2010. http://www.topnews.in/files/Billy-The-kid.

Biography in Context – Gale Database

In most online databases, such as *Biography in Context*, citations are provided at the end of each article. Simply use the citation that has been provided.

Ex. "William Bonney." Outlaws, Mobsters & Crooks.Gale, 1998.Gale Biography in Context.Web. 30 Dec. 2010.

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