

MLA Citation Style Basics

****This is an overview. ALWAYS check the full MLA Handbook (The Modern Language Association Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7th Edition.) for complete information****

Basic Book

Author's name. *Title of book*. Publisher's location: Publisher's name. Medium.

VanZee, Maggie. *The Truth About Women's Oppression in American Literature*. New York: Random House, 2012. Print.

Basic Periodical

Author's name. "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Date or year of publication: Page numbers. Medium.

Gihring, Tim. "Back from Broadway" *Minnesota Monthly* Feb. 2010:18. Print.

Article from a Database

Author's name. "Title of article." *Name of periodical*, volume and issue numbers. Date of publication. Pages. Name of database. Medium. Date of access.

Fuller, Amy. "College Resource Funding." *The Economist*. 3 March, 1997: 24. Academic Search Premier. Web. 10 Feb. 2010.

Basic Website

Author's name. "Title of document." *Title of website*. Sponsor of website. Updated date. Medium. Date of access.

Barnes, Jay. "What Are We Called to Do?" *Just Jay Blog*. Bethel University. 22 Jan. 2010. Web. 9 Feb. 2010.

NOTE: If there is no update date, insert "n.d." in the update date position.

In-Text Citations

For in-text citations, the author's name and the page number should be given— either with a signal phrase and (parenthetical citation) or in a (parenthetical citation).

Book

VanZee asserts that "the tradition of women's oppression and self-liberation is embedded deep in the literature of our American culture" (123).

Periodical

Between 2000 and 2004, college tuition has drastically increased in the Midwest, forcing students to obtain more extracurricular work and increased debt by 200% (Fuller 24).

Website

"My study has found that students are achieving 10% lower, on average, on assessments," states Amy Fuller, "than four years ago" (24).