**Creating your MLA Works Cited page**

The first step to citing correctly is knowing what **type of source** you have. Here are templates for citing the types of sources you’re most likely to use in your research. Pay attention to details such as the correct use of **periods, commas** and ***italics***, as well as how to format **page numbers** and **dates** correctly.

**Book with one author**

Last name, First name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, year.

Gleick, James. *Chaos: Making a New Science*. Penguin, 1987.

**Book with two or more authors**

Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. *The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Allyn, 2000.

**How do I know what order the first and last names should be placed in?** The first author’s name is written Last, First. After that, each author’s name is written First Last (no matter how many you have).

**One work in a book that contains several authors (anthology)**

Last name, First name. “Title of Article/Story/Poem.” *Title of Book*, edited by First name Last name, Publisher, year, pp. page range.

Harris, Muriel. "Talk to Me: Engaging Reluctant Writers." *A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writers One to One,* Edited by Ben Rafoth, Heinemann, 2000, pp. 24-34.

**How do I know who is the author and who is the editor?** The **author** of the **specific** **work you read** (article, short story, or poem) goes **first**. After the titles, make sure you type “edited by” to show that the next name is the **editor’s name**. The editor’s name(s) is probably on the book cover.

**How do I tell the difference between the two titles?** The title in quotation marks is the **title of the specific work** (article, short story, or poem) you read. Right after the title of the work, **title** **of the entire book** is in *italics*.

**What if my source only appears on one page?** Use a single “p.” and provide the page number.

**Web page with an author (not from PSC library)**

Last name, First name. “Title of Web Page.” *Title of Web Site*, date published, https://URL **or** DOI.

Damewood, Cassie. "Things to Serve with Chili." *Leaf Group*, 6 July 2021, http://leaf.tv/articles/things-to-serve-with-chili/.

Brownlie, Derek. “Toward Effective Poster Presentations: An Annotated Bibliography.” *European Journal of Marketing*, 20 November 2007, https://doi.org/10.1108/03090560710821161.

**Web page without an author or date (not from PSC library)**

“Title of Web Page.” *Title of Web Site*, URL address **or** doi. Accessed day, month, and year you viewed the page (do not include any punctuation between each part of the date).

"Healthy Sleep Overview." *WebMD*, http://webmd.com/sleep-disorders/default.htm.

Accessed 03 August 2021.

**Is it okay if it doesn’t have an author?** Yes. You can omit the author if you’re sure that the site does not provide one. Check the top and bottom of the page for a name. If you don’t find one, begin with the title of the exact page you looked at (not the homepage), and place it in quotation marks.

**Is it okay if I don’t have a publication date?** Yes. If you’re sure no publication date is listed, skip that part and provide the URL address or DOI. Afterward, add the date that you accessed the site.

**Can I use an organization or company as an author?** Avoid doing so unless you’re only citing one source from that organization. If I was citing multiple articles from *WebMD*, I would begin each citation with the title. If I was only citing the healthy sleep article, it would be okay to begin the citation with *WebMD* instead.

**Journal article (probably from PSC Library databases)**

Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Journal,* volume, issue number, date published, pp. page range, *Database name*, http://URL address ***or*** http://doi.org.DOI number.

Grace, Demezas and Robinson Douglas. “Characterizing the Influence of Domestic Cats on Birds with Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Data.” *Diversity*, vol. 13, no. 7, July 2021, *Academic Search Complete*, p. 45. http://doi.org.10.3390/d13070322.

**What if I don’t know the name of the database I used?** Talk to the librarian or your instructor. They might be able to help. If you are looking at the journal article on your computer, the name of the database is usually at the top of the screen.

**What’s a DOI?** It stands for Direct Object Indicator. The number is a permanent link to your online source.

**Do I need to add *http://doi.org* prior to my DOI number?** Yes. Adding *http://doi.org* beforehand makes your DOI clickable and easier for all web browsers to handle—if your reader wants to review your source.

**YouTube video**

“Title of Video.” *YouTube*, uploaded by Name of Channel or Organization, date uploaded, URL address.

“8 Hot Dog Gadgets put to the Test.” *YouTube,* uploaded by Crazy Russian Hacker, 6 June 2016, http://youtube.com/watch?v=WBlpjSEtELs.

**What if my video has a specific author that is not the same as the uploader**? Add the person’s name to the beginning of the citation in Last name, First name format (see example below).

McGonigal, Jane. “Gaming and Productivity.” *YouTube*, uploaded by Big Think, 3 July 2012, http://youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E.