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The Modern Language Association (MLA) Style is widely used for identifying research sources. In MLA style you briefly credit sources with parenthetical citations in the text of your paper, and give the complete description of each source in your *Works Cited* list. The *Works Cited* list, or *Bibliography*, is a list of all the sources used in your paper, arranged alphabetically by author's last name, or when there is no author, by the first word of the title (except *A*, *An* or *The*). [5.1-5.5]

For example:

In the text of your paper:

The first gambling Web site appeared in 1995, and online gambling has since become the most lucrative Internet business (Will 92).

In your Works Cited list:

Will, George F. "Electronic Morphine." Newsweek 25 Nov. 2002: 92.

The following examples are based on the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed., by Joseph Gibaldi. (Ref LB2369 .G53 2003) The numbers in [] refer to the appropriate chapters in the handbook.

BOOKS [5.6]

Author. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

- This is the basic format for a *Works Cited* entry.
- Take the title from the title page, not the cover.
- The author's name should be written Last Name, First Name.

One Author [5.6.1]

Brinkley, Alan. The Unfinished Nation. New York: Knopf, 1993.

Editor or Compiler [5.6.2]

- If the person named on the title page is the editor or compiler, rather than the author, add a comma then the abbreviation "ed." or "comp."

Carpenter, Allan, comp. Facts About the Cities. New York: Wilson, 1992.

Kreider, Jan F., ed. Handbook of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning. Boca Raton: CRC, 1993.

Two or More Authors [5.6.4]

- List the names in the order they appear on the title page.
- Only the first author's name should be reversed: Last Name, First Name.
- Use a comma between the authors' names. Place a period after the last author's name.

Rowe, Richard, and Larry Jeffus. The Essential Welder: Gas Metal Arc Welding Classroom Manual. Albany: Delmar, 2000.

- If there are more than three authors, name only the first and add *et al.*, or give all the names.

Randall, John E., Gerald R. Allen, and Roger C. Steene. Fishes of the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea. Honolulu: U of Hawaii P, 1997.

- If the persons named on the title page are editors or compilers, add a comma after the final name, then the abbreviation "eds." or "comps."

Clute, John, and Peter Nicholls, eds. The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction. New York: St. Martin's, 1993.

Two or More Works by the Same Authors [5.6.3]

When citing two or more sources by the same author, give the name in the first entry only. For the next entries, type three hyphens, add a period, and skip a space (---.) then give the title. The three hyphens stand for the name(s) in the preceding entry.

Scott, Susan. Exploring Hanauma Bay. Honolulu: U of Hawaii P, 1993.

---. Plants and Animals of Hawaii. Honolulu: Bess Press, 1991.

Second or Other Edition [5.6.14]

Author. Title of Book. Edition. City of Publication:
Publisher, Year.

- If an edition is given, specify it by number (2nd ed.), name (Rev. ed.), or year (2004 ed.).

Castro, Peter, and Michael E. Huber. Marine Biology. 4th ed. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2003.

Corporate Author [5.6.6]

- Cite a book by corporate author when a group — such as an organization or association — rather than individual persons, is the author.

Accredited Standards Committee Z49. Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes. Miami: American Welding Society, 1999.

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Growing Plants for Hawaiian Lei. Honolulu: Coll. of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa, 2002.

Government Agency as Author [5.6.21]

- Give the name of the government first, then the name of the agency.

Hawaii. Office of the Auditor. Follow-up Audit of the Child Protective Services System. Honolulu: State of Hawaii, 2003.

ESSAY, POEM, or SHORT STORY in an ANTHOLOGY [5.6.7]

Author of Story. "Title of Story." Title of Book. Name of Editor. Edition (if given). City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page numbers.

Purcell, Arthur H. "Better Waste Management Strategies Are Needed to Avert a Garbage Crisis." Garbage and Recycling: Opposing Viewpoints. Ed. Helen Cothran. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2003. 20-27.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS and REFERENCE BOOKS [5.6.8]

Author of Article (if given). "Article Title." Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

- When citing familiar reference books, especially those that often appear in new editions, full publication information is not necessary.
- Give the edition (if available) and the year of publication.
- If articles are arranged alphabetically, volume and page numbers are not necessary.

Lesko, Leonard H. "Pyramids." The World Book Encyclopedia. 2001.

- When citing less familiar reference books, give full publication information. Give the number of volumes for multi-volume sets.

Fagan, Jeffrey. "Gangs and Drugs." Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol and Addictive Behavior. Ed. Rosalyn Carson DeWitt. 2nd ed. 4 vols. New York: Macmillan, 2001.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES [5.7.6]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s).

- Abbreviate the months (except May, June, July). Give complete dates for magazines issued every week or every two weeks, written in this order: Day Month Year, e.g., 15 Jan. 2000
- If the article is on consecutive pages, specify the page numbers of the entire article, e.g. 16-20. Give just the last two digits of the second number, when possible, e.g. 188-89, but 196-200
- If the article is not on consecutive pages — if, for example, it begins on page 27, then skips to page 30, and continues on page 32 — write only the first page number, followed by a plus sign: 27+.
- Do not give volume and issue numbers for magazine articles.

Dominus, Susan. "Why Pretty Isn't Pretty Enough Anymore." Glamour Jan. 2004: 136+.

Talcott, Richard. "Great Comets." Astronomy May 2004: 36-41.

No Author Given [5.7.9]

- If no author's name is given, begin with the title of the article.

"Qantas Looks to Airbus for Long-Range Aircraft." Aviation Week and Space Technology 5 Apr. 2004: 22.

SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLES

Journal with Continuous Pagination Through the Volume [5.7.1]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s).

Davis, William D., Thomas Cleary, Michelle Donnelly, and Samuel Hellerman. "Using Sensor Signals to Analyze Fires." Fire Technology 39 (2003): 295-308.

Journal with Issues Paged Separately [5.7.2]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number. Issue number (Year): Page(s).

- Give both the volume and issue numbers, separated by a period. e.g. volume 12, no. 8 = 12.8

Murphy, Karen L., Roseanne DePasquale, and Erin McNamara. "Meaningful Connections: Using Technology in Primary Classrooms." Young Children 58.6 (2003): 12-18.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES [5.7.5]

Author. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper Date, edition: Page(s).

- Take the name of the newspaper from the masthead, but omit any introductory article: *Honolulu Advertiser*, not *The Honolulu Advertiser*.
- If the city of publication is not part of the newspaper's name, add it in square brackets: *News and Observer* [Raleigh, NC]
- Give the complete date, but not the volume and issue numbers.
- Specify the edition of the newspaper, if one is given on the masthead.
- If the article is not on consecutive pages, write the first page number and a plus sign: B1+.

Daranciang, Nelson. "Sex Offender Web Site Debated." Honolulu Star-Bulletin 8 Apr. 2004, night final ed.: A3.

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES [5.9.7]

Honolulu Community College (HCC) Library subscribes to databases of full-text articles on the Web. *Works Cited* entries for these articles should include information about the original print publication (see above), and information about the online subscription service.

Infotrac (Gale Group Databases)

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s). Name of Database. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/hawaii_honolulu>.

Farley, Christopher John, and James Willwerth. "Dead Teen Walking." Time 19 Jan. 1998: 50+ InfoTrac OneFile Plus. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May 2004 <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/hawaii_honolulu>.

Journal

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s). Name of Database. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/hawaii_honolulu>.

Monahan, Deborah J. "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Outcomes: Implication for Social Work Practice." Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services 83 (2002): 431+. Expanded Academic ASAP Plus. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May

2004 <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/hawaii_honolulu>.

Literature Resource Center (from Gale Group)

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Source, edition (if given). Year. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/hawaii_honolulu>.

Domina, L. M. "An Overview of A Raisin in the Sun." Drama for Students. 1997. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May 2004 <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/hawaii_honolulu>.

Thies, Gretchen. "Rashomon: Overview." Reference Guide to Short Fiction, 1st ed. 1994. Literature Resource Center. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May 2004 <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/hawaii_honolulu>.

EBSCOhost

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s). Name of Database. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Heyman, J.D., and Johnny Dodd. "New Arm, Same Spirit." People 23 Feb. 2004: 58+. MasterFILE Premier. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May 2004 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Journal

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number Year): Page(s). Name of Database. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

Nelson, Roxanne. "Smoking Outside Still Causes Second-Hand Smoke Exposure to Children." Lancet 359 (2002): 1675. Academic Search Premier. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community College Lib., HI. 8 May 2004 <<http://search.epnet.com/>>.

WEB SITES

- Complete publication information may not be available for a Web site; provide what is given.

Entire Internet Site: Scholarly Project or Professional Site [5.9.2]

Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

Encyclopedia Mythica. 2004. 13 May 2004 <<http://www.pantheon.org/>>.

Document from a Web Site [5.9.1]

Author. "Title of Web Page." Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

Sherman, Chris. "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About URL." SearchEngineWatch. Ed. Danny Sullivan. 24 Aug. 2004. 4 Sept. 2004 <<http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3398511>>.

ARTICLES IN ONLINE PERIODICALS [5.9.4]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Publication Date: Page(s) or Section(s), if numbered. Date of Access <URL>.

Gima, Craig. "Whale's Body Found Near Hanalei Bay." Honolulu Star-Bulletin.com 6 July 2004. 4 Sept. 2004 <<http://starbulletin.com/2004/07/06/news/story1.html>>.

Gundy, Jess. "The Complexities of Use of Force." Law and Order Dec 2003. 13 May 2004 <<http://www.hendonpub.com/LawMag/catalog.cfm?dest=itempg&itemid=10350&linkon=category&linkid=87&secid=15>>.

VIDEORECORDINGS [5.8.3]

Title. Director, Producer, and/or Writer. Medium. Distributor, Year.

Monet: Legacy of Light. Writ., dir, and prod. Michael Gill. Videocassette. Home Vision, 1989.

TELEVISION PROGRAMS [5.8.1]

"Title of Episode or Segment." Title of Program or Series.
Credit (Performer, writer, etc). Name of Network.
Call Letters (if any), City of Local Station (if
any). Broadcast Date.

"Daddy Knows Best." Cold Case Files. Narr. Bill Kurtis. A & E. 6 Sept. 2004.

"Why the Towers Fell." Nova. PBS. KHET, Honolulu. 7 Sept. 2004.

INTERVIEWS [5.8.7]

Interview Conducted by the Researcher

Person Interviewed. Type of Interview (personal, telephone,
email, etc.). Date.

Nakamura, Michael. Personal interview. 23 July 2004.

Broadcast Interview

- Add information for the television or radio broadcast.

Clinton, Bill. Interview with Larry King. Larry King Live. CNN. 24 June 2004.

You are here: <http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/library/mlahcc.html>