

MLA Format Cheat Sheet

Hints:

- ◆ Double space
- ◆ No title page, unless requested by teacher
- ◆ Center the title, use Title Case, not all capitals and no quotes
- ◆ Put your name, instructor's name, the course and the date in the upper left-hand corner of the first page
- ◆ Create a header in the upper right-hand corner of the page with your last name, space, and page number

BOOKS:

One Author

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

Example

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

Editor or Compiler

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

Example

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

Kreider, Jan F., ed. Handbook of Eating Healthily. New
Hampshire: Harcourt, 2007.

Two or More Authors

- ◆ 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 author's names. Place a period after the last author's name.

Example

Rowe, Richard, and Larry Jeffus. The Essential Welder: Gas and Metal Works. London: Smith and Kraus, 2005.

- ◆ If there are more than three authors, name only the first and add *et al.*,
- ◆ Indent on second line of citation

WEBSITES:

An Entire Web Site

Basic format:

Name of Site. Date of Posting/Revision. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sometimes found in copyright statements).
Date you accessed the site [electronic address].

Examples:

The Purdue OWL Family of Sites. 26 Aug. 2005. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue University. 23 April 2006
<<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>>.

Felluga, Dino. Guide to Literary and Critical Theory. 28 Nov. 2003. Purdue University. 10 May 2006 <<http://www.cla.purdue.edu/english/theory>>.

- ◆ URLs that won't fit on one line of your Works Cited list should be broken at slashes, when possible.
- ◆ For an individual page on a Web site, list the author or alias if known, followed by the information covered above for entire Web sites. Make sure the URL points to the exact page you are referring to, or the entry or home page for a collection of pages you're referring to:

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<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/> for further information or examples.