MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION (MLA) CITATION STYLE QUICKGUIDE

In-text References: Paraphrasing

There are 2 primary options for placing references within the body of the work:

1 – *Author's name is integrated into the sentence text with page numbers at the end.*

Perrine compared radiology readings from the past two years in order to find similarities in the test sets (10-14).

2 – *Author's name is placed in a reference, with the page numbers, at the end of a sentence.*

The study intended to show the similarities in the test sets from the radiology readings (Perrine 10-14).

In-text References: Quotations

If directly taking quotations from another author's work, it must be reproduced exactly. For quotations less than 4 lines long, use double quotation marks ("…") around the phrase and incorporate into the text. For quotations longer than 4 lines long, do not use quotation marks and place quotation text in a double spaced block paragraph.

"Television is the single strongest cultural influence on American life and the widely recognised lowest common denominator"(Faul 41).

OR

When providing information online, Ackerman and Hartman warn:

> Disclosing your street address to a business sometimes results in your receiving junk mail, and disclosing your email address may result in your getting junk email, or spam as it is called. You can't be sure how the information will be used or marketed unless the organization gathering the data makes some explicit guarantees. (472)

Other rules to consider when citing in the text.

If the work you are citing has 1-3 authors, give the last name of each person listed:

"Type your quote here" (Jones, Smith, and Wesson 173).

If the reference has more than three authors, you will use the abbreviation et al:

"Type your quote here" (Simpson et al. 58).

Creating a Works Cited List

The *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (5th Edition) states all work cited entries **MUST** be double-spaced, with a hanging indent (one-half inch). In addition, all work cited entries must be on a page separate from the body of work. The page **MUST** be titled Works Cited and only list sources actually cited in the work. Arrange entries alphabetically by the author (last name), unless no author is given. If there is no author, then begin with the title of the work.

General Citation Forms and Examples

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Author(s) name. Title of the book. Place of publication: Publisher, Date of publication.

Robinson, Matthew. Mobocracy. Rosville, CA: Prima, 2002.

Article in a magazine or newspaper:
Author(s) name. "Title of article." Title of publication Date: Page numbers.

Combes, Françoise. "Ripples in a Galactic Pond." Scientific American Oct. 2005: 43-49.

Article in scholarly journal or publication:
Author(s). "Title of article." Title of publication Vol. (Year): Page numbers.

Interview conducted by self:
Name of person interviewed. Kind of interview performed. Date(s).

Website:
Author(s). "Article Title." Name of web site. Date of publication. Name of website organization. Date of access <Address/URL>.

Online magazine or newspaper article:
Shermer, Michael. "The Fossil Fallacy." Scientific American. 21 February 2005. Scientific American. 29 Sept. 2005 <http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?articleID=0003EFE0-D68A-1212-8F3983414B7F0000&chanID=sa008>.

Periodical from online aggregated database (e.g. EBSCO, ProQuest):
Author(s). "Title of article." Title of publication Vol. Date of publication: page number(s). Title of database. Name of subscription service. Name of College Campus Library, City, State initials. Date of retrieval <Address/URL>.

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Maddock, Richard C., and Fulton, Richard L. Marketing to the Mind: Right Brain Strategies for Advertising and Marketing. Westport, CT: Quorum, 1996.

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Gilman, Sandra, et al. Hysteria Beyond Freud. Berkeley: U of California P, 1993.

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Slavin, Stephen L. Economics. 5th ed. Boston: Irwin/McGraw-Hill, 1998.

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[Citing a newspaper]
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Reproduction: Human Reproductive Biology. Prod. Films for the Humanities & Sciences. Videocassette. Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 1998.

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Author(s)."Article Title." Name of web site. Date of posting/revision. Name of institution/organization affiliated with site. Date of access <electronic address>.

[Web site, no author, no copyright]

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Daniels, Cora. "The Last Taboo." Fortune 28 Oct. 2002. 16 October 2002 <http://www.fortune.com/indexw.jhtml?channel=artcol.jhtml&doc_id=209802>.

Landsburg, Steven E. "Who Shall Inherit the Earth?" Slate May 1997. 1 October 1999 <http://www.slate.com/Economics/97-05-01/Economics.asp>.

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Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 5th ed. New York: MLA, 1999.