Significant changes with the 7th Edition include:

- **No More Underlining! Titles are italicized.**
- **No More URLs!** ... include a URL as supplementary information only when the reader probably cannot locate the source without it or when your instructor requires it.
- **Continuous Pagination? Who Cares?** For all scholarly journal entries, both volume and issue numbers are required, regardless of pagination.
- **Publication Medium.** Most entries will be listed as Print or Web, but other possibilities include Performance, DVD, or TV...these markers will appear at the end of entries; however, markers for Web sources are followed by the date of access.
- **New Abbreviations.** Many web source entries now require a publisher name, a date of publication, and/or page numbers. When no publisher name appears on the website, write N.p. for no publisher given. When sites omit a date of publication, write n.d. for no date. For online journals that appear only online (no print version) or on databases that do not provide pagination, write n. pag. for no pagination.

The following examples (updated August 20, 2009) illustrate the style used by the Modern Language Association to cite sources.

For more detailed information on the MLA Style, see: *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, Seventh Edition* Call number: Ref LB2369 G53 2009). Text in green refers to MLA Handbook. Available at the 1st floor Reference Desk.

**Reference Citations in Text - Parenthetical Documentation**
Reference citations in the text of your paper (instead of footnotes or end notes) cite the author and page number(s) of the works you used in your research. These references are brief but should give enough information to enable the reader to find the full citation in the references list at the end of the paper. See section 6 in the MLA Handbook for a detailed explanation and multiple examples.

![Tip] The full citation for each parenthetical reference must be documented in the references list at the end of your paper.

Examples:
The most pressing issue threatening gorilla survival is the lack of support for gorilla conservation among government officials and local resident groups (Garen 237).

Schaller (35) stresses that rotational agriculture, which promotes the growth of secondary forest, is strong factor in providing favorable habitat for gorillas.

Works Cited: The list of "Works Cited" identifies and makes it possible for the reader to retrieve all of the sources you have referred to in the body of your paper.

Each entry in the reference list must also be cited in text.

Basic Elements: Books There are several basic elements that are usually included in each citation:
- author [complete first and last name, middle initial or spell out middle name]
- title of book
- place of publication
- publisher
- year of publication
- NEW: Format (Print. Web.)

Basic Elements: Articles There are several basic elements that are usually included in each citation:
- author [complete first and last name, middle initial or spell out middle name]
- title of article [in quote marks]
- title of journal [italicized]
- date of publication [abbreviate months except for May, June, July]
- volume, issue number, etc. (for periodicals, newspapers, journals)
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Format: "The reference list must be double-spaced, and entries should have a hanging indent" Italicize titles.

Here is an example of a correctly formatted entry:


For items that are neither a book nor periodical, consult MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers for required elements (Available at the 1st floor Reference Desk - Call number: Ref LB2369 G53 2009).

Examples - Based on the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th ed.

Books and documents

An anonymous book - no author:

This title is now published on the web - use the following format:


One Author:

Two or More Authors:

Editor:

Two or More Editors

Translated book:

Edition:

Several Volumes:

Article in an Encyclopedia

See section 5.5.7 (pp. 160 -161) for additional information on citing an article in a reference book.

Essay or Article in a Collection:
Government Publications available from GPO

Suggested Citation for the Web version of this publication:

See 5.5.20. A Government Publication for additional information on citing these sources.

Government Publications not available from GPO

Government Report

Signed Encyclopedia Article:

Periodicals (magazines, journals, newspapers, newsletters)
In general, after the title of the article, give the journal title (italicized), the volume number. Date of publication *for a scholarly journal, the year; for other periodicals, the day, month, and year, as available in parentheses), a colon, the inclusive page numbers and a period.

Scholarly Journal (print)

Scholarly Journal (online database)
Magazine Article, Signed:

For magazines: "If the article is not printed on consecutive pages, write only the first page number and a plus sign, leaving no intervening space. Do not give volume and issue numbers even if they are listed." See 5.4.6 for additional information.

Magazine Article, Unsigned: This article has a very long title.

Newspaper Article, Unsigned:

Book Review in a print journal:

Electronic Sources

Book Review in a web journal based on a print source:

Article in an Internet-only journal:

Electronic copy of a journal article, retrieved from database:

See the section on "aggregator" databases below for more information and additional examples.

Electronic book - entire book

**Electronic book - one page, one chapter, etc.**


**Doctoral Dissertation - available full-text online**


**Web Site (personal page):**


**Document available on large Web site (like university or government sites):**


**ERIC Documents:**


The way you cite an abstract from ERIC will depend on which version of the ERIC database you use. This is an example from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts.

**Online Abstract:**


"In scholarly research, it is preferable to read and cite primary sources [entire articles] whenever possible."

**Aggregator databases (EBSCOhost, etc.):**

"...To cite online material without a URL that you derive from a service to which a library subscribes, complete the citation by stating:

- the name of the database and service used (italicized), if known (example: EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier)
- Web. (the format or medium used)
- the date of access (21 July 2009).

**Attention UNC Charlotte Students** - these are the databases most of you will use to locate full-text articles.

**EBSCOhost: magazine article**

EBSCOhost: - scholarly article


EBSCOhost: - Conference Paper

LexisNexis: newspaper article

LexisNexis - Transcript of radio news program:

JSTOR

Literature Resource Center

Literature Resource Center (reprinted journal article)