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## **Sample Works Cited and Parenthetical Documentation Entries Done in MLA Style**

There are two basic elements to giving proper credit to sources used in research.

1. Anytime you use borrowed information in the body of your paper—direct quotes or paraphrased (summarized) material—you should follow it immediately with a parenthetical citation.
2. You should have a works cited entry for all cited sources at the end of your paper on a separate Works Cited page. These entries should be double spaced and listed alphabetically.

The format for these citations can vary, depending on the type of source you are citing. Below are sample parenthetical citations and works cited entries for various types of sources.

### **Sample Works Cited Entry for an Article from an Anthology**

Dunbar, Ian. "Fast Track to Perfection." Strategies for Successful Writing: A Rhetoric, Research Guide, Reader, and Handbook. 8th ed. Eds. James A. Reinking and Robert von der Osten. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education, Inc., 2005. 456-459.

**Parenthetical Citation for an Article from an Anthology** (Dunbar 458).

### **Sample Works Cited Entry for an Article from a Journal**

Mattlin, Ben. "Beyond Reasonable Doubts: The Media and People with Disabilities." Television and Families 13.3 (1991): 4-8.

**Parenthetical Citation for an Article from a Journal** (Mattlin 4).

### **Sample Works Cited Entry for an Article from an Unknown Author in Newspaper**

"Billy the Kid's Life and Death." The New York Times 31 July 1881: A8.

**Parenthetical Citation for an Article from an Unknown Source** ("Billy" A8).

### **Sample Works Cited Entry for a Signed Article in a Daily Newspaper**

Wade, Nicholas. "Germ Weapons: Deadly but Hard to Use." Washington Post 26 Nov. 1997: A26.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Signed Article in a Daily Newspaper** (Wade A26).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Article from a Weekly Magazine Publication**

Blackman, Ann. "Machines That Work Miracles." Time 18 Feb. 1991: 70-71.

**Parenthetical Citation for an Article from a Weekly Magazine** (Blackman 70).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Book by One Author**

Foster, Hannah Webster. The Coquette. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Book by One Author** (Foster 44).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Book by More Than One Author**

Battier, Shane, and Chris Carrawell. How to Play Basketball. Durham: Duke University Press, 1999.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Book by More Than One Author**  
(Battier and Carrawell 33).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Book Arranged by an Editor**

Allen, Donald M., ed. The New American Poetry. New York: Grove Publishers, 1960.

**Parenthetical Citation for a book Arranged by an Editor** (Allen 33).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Book Arranged by Two Editors**

Scholes, Robert, and Robert Kellogg, eds. The Nature of Narrative. New York: Oxford UP, 1966.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Book Arranged by Two Editors**  
(Scholes and Kellogg 55-57).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Book arranged by More Than Three Authors or Editors**

Boardman, John et al., eds. The Oxford History of the Classical World. New York: Oxford UP, 1986.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Book by More Than Three Authors or Editors**  
(Boardman et al. 33).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Book Entry With No Author or Editor**

The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Oxford UP, 1964.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Book with No Author or Editor** (Oxford 33).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Book from an On-line Source**

Flannagan, Roy. "Reflections on Milton and Aristotle." Early Modern Literary Studies

2.3 (1996). 22 Feb. 1997 <<http://unixg.ubc.ca.html>>.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Book from an On-line Source** ( Flannagan).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Brochure from a Corporate Author**

Randolph Community College. The FAQs about College Transfer. Asheboro: RCC,

2002.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Brochure from a Corporate Author** (RCC 2).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Electronic Source from a General Website**

Pisetsky, David. "New Treatments for Rheumatoid Arthritis." OnHealth. 10 Dec. 1998.

3 Jan. 2001 <<http://onhealth.webmd.com>>.

**Parenthetical Citation from an Electronic Source from a Website** (Pisetsky).

**Breakdown of the Above Sample Internet Citation**

Pisetsky, David. "New Treatments for Rheumatoid Arthritis." OnHealth. 10 Dec. 1998.

3 Jan. 2001 <<http://onhealth.webmd.com>>.

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**title of database**

**date posted or date written**

**date retrieved from website**

**website address**

**\*Note: Pagination with online sources is only included with text in PDF format.**

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Unsigned Electronic source from a General Website (no author, no date, and no page given)**

"Fun in the Woods." Clongowes Wood College. n.d. 8 May 2003

<<http://www.clongowes.com>>.

**Parenthetical Citation for Unsigned Electronic Source from a Website ("Fun")**

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Electronic Source from a Reference Database**

Muggeridge, Malcolm. The Most of Malcolm Muggeridge. Simpson's Contemporary

Quotations. 1988. 13 May 2002 <<http://bartleby.com>> .

**Parenthetical Citation for Electronic Source from a Reference Database** (Muggeridge).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Interview Completed in Person**

Ackroyd, Dan. Personal interview. 30 Mar. 1999.

**Parenthetical Citation for an Interview Completed in Person** (Ackroyd).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Interview Completed Over the Phone**

Olson, Nellie. Telephone interview. 18 Sept. 1999.

**Parenthetical Citation from an Interview Completed Over the Phone** (Olson).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Journal Article from Literature Resource Center**

Piedmont, Elisabeth. "An Overview of 'A Good Man Is Hard to Find.'" Short

Stories for Students 1997. Gale Literature Resource Center. RCC,

Asheboro, NC. 24 Mar. 2000 <<http://www.galenet.com>>.

**Parenthetical Citation from a GaleNet Article** (Piedmont).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Journal Article from NC LIVE with Page, Volume, and Issue Numbers**

Strand, Ginger. "Diminished Things." Raritan 22.3 (Winter 2003): 39-63. Ebscohost.

RCC, Asheboro, NC. 8 May 2003 <<http://www.nclive.org>>.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Journal Article from NC LIVE with Page/Volume/Issue Numbers** (Strand 41).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for Journal Article from NC LIVE with Volume and Issue Numbers but No Page Number**

Hass, Robert B. "(Re) Reading Bergson: Frost, Pound and the Legacy of Modern

Poetry." Journal of Modern Literature 29.1 (21 Oct. 2005). Ebscohost.

RCC. Asheboro, NC. 29 Aug. 2006 <<http://www.nclive.org>>.

**Parenthetical Citation for a Journal Article from NC LIVE with Volume/Issue Numbers but No Page Number** (Hass).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Article from Opposing Viewpoints**

Cuomo, Andrew. "The Federal Government Should Work to Provide Affordable

Housing." The Homeless: Opposing Viewpoints Series. Ed. Jennifer A. Hurley.

Greenhaven Press, 2002. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. RCC,

Asheboro, NC. 12 Aug. 2005 <<http://www.galenet.galegroup.com>>.

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an Article from Occupational Outlook Handbook**

United States. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Outlook

Handbook. 2006-2007 ed. Washington, D.C. 29 Aug. 2006

<<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>>.

**Parenthetical Citation for an Article from Occupational Outlook Handbook**

(United States).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for Two Sources from the Same Author**

Olsen, Tillie. Silences. New York: Dell, 1979.

---. Tell Me a Riddle. New York: Dell, 1985.

**Parenthetical Citations from Two Sources from the Same Author** (Olsen, Silences 33) and (Olsen, Tell 33).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for The Bible**

The Bible. Trans. J. M. P. Smith, et al. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1939.

**Paranthenetical Citation for Excerpt from The Bible** (The Bible, Ezek. 1.5-10).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for Single Episode from a Television Series**

"Big Haas and Little Falsie." Designing Women. CBS. WFMY, Greensboro. 12 Feb.

1989.

**Paranthenetical Citation for a Television Episode** ("Big Haas").

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Sound Recording**

Rucker, Darius. "Hannah Jane." Rec. 1992. Cracked Rear View. Columbia, 1993.

**Paranthenetical Citation for a Sound Recording** (Rucker).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Video**

Field of Dreams. Dir. Phil Alden Robinson. Perf. Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, James

Earl Jones, Ray Liotta, and Burt Lancaster. Universal City Studios, 1989.

**Paranthenetical Citation for a Video** (Field).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for a Speech**

Atwood, Margaret. "Silencing the Scream." Boundaries of the Imagination Forum.

MLA Convention. Royal York Hotel, Toronto. 29 Dec. 1993.

**Paranthenetical Citation for a Speech** (Atwood).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an E-Book (from Gale Virtual Reference Library)**

College Blue Book. 32<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: MacMillan Reference USA, 2005. Gale Virtual

Reference Library. RCC, Asheboro, NC. 18 Dec. 2007 <<http://www.galegroup.com>>

**Parenthetical Citation for an E-Book** (College 1341).

**Sample Works Cited Entry for an E-Book (with author) from NetLibrary**

Fry, Ronald W. "Ace" Any Test. Franklin Lakes, NJ: The Career Press, 1996. RCC,

Asheboro, NC. 18 Dec. 2007 <<http://www.netlibrary.com>>

**Parenthetical Citation for an E-Book with author** (Fry 44).