

## MLA CITATION RULES Highlights of Changes

The Modern Language Association of America (MLA) has produced a new set of citation rules in the 7th edition of the Handbook for Writers of Research Papers.

The highlights of these changes are identified below.

### SOURCE TYPE

BEFORE	NEW
The style of a citation in a Works Cited list denotes a particular source type (i.e. book, online article, etc.)	For each source used in an assignment (i.e. book, article, Web site), specify the format of the source by adding (Print, Web, DVD, etc.)
EXAMPLE OF NEW FORMAT	
"Renewable Energy Has a Bright Future in Ontario." <i>Toronto Star</i> 28 Feb. 2009: N7. Print.	

### INDEPENDENTLY PUBLISHED WORKS

BEFORE	NEW
Underline titles of books, periodicals (journals, magazines, newspapers), plays, Web sites, etc	Italicize titles of books, periodicals (journals, magazines, newspapers), plays, Web sites, etc
EXAMPLE OF NEW FORMAT	
King, Stephen. <i>Dolores Claiborne</i> . New York: Penquin, 1993. Print.	
Boake, Terri Meyer. "Constructing a Ghery." <i>Canadian Architect</i> 8 June 2008: 42-46. Print.	

### URLS FOR WEBSITES

BEFORE	NEW
Always provide URL for content found on professional, business, or scholarly Web site	Do not include URLs unless requested by your professor or when source cannot be easily located without it
EXAMPLE OF NEW FORMAT	
Tyre, Peg. "Standardized Tests in College?" <i>Newsweek</i> . Newsweek, 16 Nov. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.	

### CONTINUOUS PAGINATION

BEFORE	NEW
If scholarly journal publication is paged continuously by volume, omit issue number	Always include volume and issue numbers of scholarly publication, regardless of pagination
EXAMPLE OF NEW FORMAT	
Horner, Bruce. "Negotiating Traditions of English Song: Performance, Text, History." <i>Mosaic</i> 27.3 (1994): 19-44. Print.	

### NEW ABBREVIATIONS

BEFORE	NEW
Omit publisher name, date of publication and/or page numbers for electronic entries (Web sites, online journals) if they are unavailable	Most web source entries require publisher name, date of publication and/or page numbers. If there is no publisher listed on Web site, write N.p. (no publisher). For online journals that do not provide page numbers (i.e. HTML format), write n. pag. (no pagination)
EXAMPLE OF NEW FORMAT	
Lessig, Lawrence. "Free Debates: More Republicans Call on RNC." <i>Lessig 2.0</i> . N.p., 4 May 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.	
Ouellette, Marc. "Theories, Memories, Bodies, and Artists." <i>Reconstruction</i> 7.4 (2007): n. pag. Web. 5 June 2008.	

### ARTICLES FROM LIBRARY DATABASES

BEFORE	NEW
Follow citation rules for an article from journal, magazine, newspaper in print and add following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name of database (underlined)</li> <li>Name of database provider (if known)</li> <li>Name of Library providing the service</li> <li>Date of access (day, month, yr)</li> </ul>	Follow citation rules for an article from a journal, magazine, newspaper in print and add following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name of database (italicized)</li> <li>Format of source (e.g. Web)</li> <li>Date of access (day, month, yr)</li> </ul> <p>Omit database provider and name of Library providing the service</p>
EXAMPLE OF NEW FORMAT	
Chan, Evans. "Postmodernism and Hong Kong Cinema." <i>Postmodern Culture</i> 10.3 (2000): n. pag. <i>Project Muse</i> . Web. 5 June 2008.	

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