

Lesson Web Citation Style¹

The Modern Language Association (*MLA Handbook*, 6th ed.) describes the method for citation of research information taken from online sources (see MLA section 5.9.1-4)². The following MLA format for works cited from web sites is typical.

To identify source documents use, in this order, as many of these items as are relevant. The list is long not so that you will include all of it in every reference, but because web page content and format vary so widely.

1. Author or editor's last name, then first name.
2. Title of the article in quotation marks.
3. Site name or site section that has the article collected, or book title, either underline or *italic*
4. Editor or compiler's name (if not used in No. 1 above).
5. Publication information for the printed version, if such exists. (Use the appropriate *Periodical* date: pages format for printed sources).
6. Title of Web site (Use Home page if no title).
7. Editor of the Web site or project or database, if any.
8. Version number, volume number, or other identifying number.
9. Date of publication, (abbreviate months – Jan. Feb.) posting, or modification. (In Netscape, use “view,” “Page info” to get a “Last Modified” date if no date is given in the article itself).
10. Total pages, sections, or paragraphs if numbered.
11. Name of Corporation, organization, or institution sponsoring Web site (if different from No. 3).
12. Date when you accessed the site (without a period following it).
13. URL of the document <in angle brackets> followed by a period.

Note: Each item is followed by a period except date accessed.

Examples of typical web sites:

General:

Last name, First name. “Article Title.” *Site Name*. Article date. Organization Name. Date of access <URL>.

Lynch, Tim. “DSN Trials and Tribble-ations Review.” *Psi Phi: Bradley's Science Fiction Club*. 1996. Bradley University. 8 Oct. 1997 <<http://www.bradley.edu/campusorg/psiphi/DS9/ep/503r.html>>.

With no author and no page date:

“Newborn Feeding.” *Welcome to Gerber*. Gerber Corporation. 18 Oct. 2008 <<http://www.gerber.com/phases/newborn/feeding.html>>.

Citing GCWA web site:

Georgian, Richard. “News-President's Letter.” *Gulf Coast Writers Association*. Mar. 2009. 13 Mar. 2009 <<http://www.gulfwriters.org/news/news.html>>.

¹ Harris, Robert. “Citing Web sources MLA Style.” *VirtualSalt*. 1 Feb. 2009. 1 Mar. 2009 <<http://www.virtualsalt.com>>.

² “Citation Management.” *Cornell University Library*. 2009. 12 Mar. 2009 <http://www.library.cornell.edu/newhelp/res_strategy/citing/mla/html>.