MLA Guide for Citing Internet Resources (7th ed.)

General Guidelines

To cite an individual webpage or online document, give as much of the following information as you can locate on the website. Follow each element with a period, except where noted below (5.6.2).

1) Name of the author, editor, etc. If no author is listed, start with the title.
2) Title of the webpage or online document in quotation marks. If you are citing an entire website, and not just an individual webpage, skip this step and move on to step 3.
   - Untitled works may be identified by a genre label (i.e., Home page, Introduction), but do not italicize or enclose genre labels in quotation marks (5.7.7-10)
3) Title of the overall website in italics. If the title of the website is the same as the title of the webpage or document, you do not need to include it.
4) Version or edition used.
5) Name of the website’s publisher or sponsor. Follow with a comma instead of a period. If no publisher or sponsor is given, use N.p.
6) Date of publication or last revision. If no date is given, use n.d.
7) Medium of publication (Web).
8) Date you accessed the website.
9) If your instructor requires it, include the website address (URL). Also include it if your source can’t be located without it.
   - Add the URL after your access date, in brackets: <http://www.epa.gov>.

General Format

Lastname, Firstname. “Title of Webpage.” Title of Website. Publisher, Publication date. Web. Date you accessed the site.

Examples

Author(s) listed:


24 June 2009.

No author and no date listed:

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Blog Entry


In-Text Citations for Internet Resources

Do not use page numbering in your in-text (parenthetical) citations for online resources, because page numbers from a printout may vary between computers. The only exception would be documents in PDF format because their page numbering stays constant. The in-text citation should be in one of the following formats:

The poem contains an “element of bravado in the diction and rhythm” (Sims).

or

Sims notes that the poem contains an “element of bravado in the diction and rhythm.”

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☺ The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue Univ. [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/)

☺ The Writing Center at Yale Univ. [http://www.yale.edu/bass/writing/sources/kinds/index.html](http://www.yale.edu/bass/writing/sources/kinds/index.html)