

# MLA Bibliographic Entries

## General Guidelines

- Center the title **Works Cited** at the top of the page.
- **Double-space** the entire list—**within** and **between** entries.
- List only works actually cited within the paper.
- **Alphabetize** by the first word in each entry (excluding a, an, or the).
- **Indent** the 2nd and subsequent lines of each entry five spaces.
- Use a continuous line to underline the complete title.
- Shorten and abbreviate publisher's name as much as possible — Random for Random House, UP for University Press, etc. (For a list of approved abbreviations of major publishers, see MLA Handbook, 6.5.2.).
- Pay close attention to proper punctuation for each entry.
- Do not number entries.
- Do not separate primary and secondary sources or types of sources (books, newspapers, magazines, etc.) **unless** told to do so by the instructor.

## BOOKS

### One Author

Bird, Caroline. The Two-Paycheck Marriage: How Women at Work Are Changing Life in America. New York: Rawson, 1979.

Michener, James A. Sports in America. New York: Random, 1976.

### Two Authors

Bartlett, Donald L., and James D. Steele. Forevermore: Nuclear Waste in America. New York: Norton, 1985.

### Three Authors

Aiken, Michael, Lewis A. Ferman, and Harold L. Sheppard. Economic Failure, Alienation, and Extremism. Ann Arbor: U of Michigan P, 1968.

### More Than Three Authors

Bailyn, Bernard, et al. The Great Republic: A History of the American People. Lexington: Heath, 1977.

### **Separate Author for Introduction or Preface**

Keller, John E. Introduction. The Literary Mind of Medieval and Renaissance Spain.

By Otis Green. Lexington: UP of Kentucky, 1970. iii-ix.

### **Two Different Books by the Same Author**

Hansberry, Lorraine. A Raisin in the Sun. New York: Random, 1959.

---. To Be Young, Gifted and Black. Ed. Robert Nemiroff. Englewood Cliffs:

Prentice, 1969.

- Three hyphens followed by a period stand for **exactly** the same name(s) as in the preceding entry.

### **Corporate Author**

American Red Cross. Standard First Aid and Personal Safety. 2nd ed. Garden

City: Doubleday, 1979.

### **Edition after the First**

Grout, Donald Jay. A History of Western Music. 3rd ed. New York: Norton, 1980.

### **Edited Book**

Barnet, Sylvan, Mortin Berman, and William Burto, eds. An Introduction to

Literature. 7th ed. Boston: Little, 1981.

Timko, Michael, ed. Twenty-Nine Short Stories. New York: Knopf, 1975.

### **Author and Editor**

Chaucer, Geoffrey. The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer. Ed. F. N. Robinson. 2nd ed.

Boston: Houghton, 1957.

### **Literary Work from an Anthology**

Bond, Nelson. "The Voice from the Curious Cube." 100 Great Science Fiction Short

Stories. Ed. Isaac Asimov, Martin Harry Greenberg, and Joseph D. Olander.

New York: Doubleday, 1978. 172-75.

- **The following examples are NOT double spaced because of space limitations, but YOUR bibliography should be double spaced.**

### **Nonliterary Work from an Anthology**

Rubenstein, Arye. "Children with AIDS and the Public Risk." AIDS: Facts and Issues. Ed. Victor Gong and Norman Rudnick. New Brunswick: Rutgers UP, 1986. 99-103.

- For previously published nonliterary works, give both the original publication data and the publication data for the anthology. See "Reprint" below.

### **Reprint**

Hope, A. D. "Anne Killigrew: or, The Art of Modulating." Southern Review: An Australian Journal of Literary Studies 1 (1963): 4-14. Rpt. in Hope, The Cave and the Spring: Essays on Poetry. Adelaide, Australia: Rigby, 1965. 129-43.

### **Translation**

Laborit, Henri. Decoding the Human Message. Trans. Stephen Bodington and Alison Wilson. New York: St. Martin's, 1977.

### **Republished Book**

Sheehy, Gail. Passages: Predictable Crises of Adult Life. 1976. New York: Bantam, 1977.

- The original hardcover edition was published a year earlier than this paperback version.

Zimmerman, Alfred. America and Europe and Other Essays. 1920. Freeport: Books for Libraries, 1969.

### **A Work in More than One Volume**

Odell, George C.D. Annals of the New York Stage. 15 vols. New York: Columbia UP, 1927-49.

Sandburg, Carl. Abraham Lincoln: The War Years. Vol. 2. New York: Harcourt, 1939. 4 vols.

- Note that only Vol. 2 of the Sandburg work was used.
- Note the Odell volumes were published over a period of years; the Sandburg work was published in one year.

### **A Work in a Series—Numbered and Unnumbered**

Bebout, John E., and Ronald J. Grele. Where Cities Meet: The Urbanization of New Jersey. New Jersey Historical Series 22. Princeton: Van Nostrand, 1964.

- The volume number is given in Arabic numerals and without the abbreviation **vol.** Do **not** underline the name of the series.

Gillin, John Lewis, et al. Social Problems. 3rd ed. Century Social Science Series. New York: Appleton, 1943.

### **A Book With a Title Within Its Title**

Danzig, Allan, ed. Twentieth Century Interpretations of "The Eve of St. Agnes." Englewood Cliffs: Prentice, 1971.

- Do **not** underline the original title of a book or play within another title. If the original title would normally be enclosed in quotation marks (short story or poem), retain the quotation marks and underline the entire title.

Traversi, Derek. The Canterbury Tales: A Reading. Newark: U of Delaware P, 1983.

### **MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS**

- As a rule, abbreviate names of months except May, June, and July.
- If a magazine or newspaper article is printed on pages that are not consecutive (for example, beginning on page 28 and then skipping to pages 110-115), give only the first page number followed by a plus sign.

#### **Daily Newspaper**

Greeley, Andrew. "Today's Morality Play: The Sitcom." New York Times 17 May 1987, late ed., sec. 2: 1+.

"Study Labels Alcohol Fuel as Threat to Food Supply." Dallas Times Herald 16 Mar. 1980: 14A.

#### **Editorial**

"Elections in Rhodesia." Editorial. San Francisco Chronicle 5 Mar. 1980: 64.

## **Cartoon**

Trudeau, Gary. "Doonesbury." Cartoon. Star Ledger [Newark, NJ.] 27 May 1980, late ed.: 25.

- When not part of the newspaper's name, the city's name should be given in brackets after the title. Note a specific edition named on the masthead.

## **Weekly Magazine or Newspaper**

Clark, Matt, Sharon Begley, and Mary Hager. "The Miracles of Spliced Genes." Newsweek 17 Mar. 1980: 62-71.

Munro, Julie W. "A New Elitism in China?" Chronicles of Higher Education 28 Nov. 1977: 3-4.

- Volume numbers are not used because specific dates are given.

## **Monthly Magazine**

Frolich, Cliff. "The Physics of Somersaulting and Twisting." Scientific American Mar. 1980: 154-64.

"Memories of a Battle at Mansfield." Southern Living Apr. 1985: 28+.

## **Scholarly Journal—Continuous Pagination**

Wurser, Leon. "Drug Abuse: Nemesis Psychiatry." American Scholar 41 (1972): 393-407.

- If paged continuously, omit issue number and month.

## **Scholarly Journal—Separate Pagination**

Graham, Loren R. "Concerns about Science and Attempts to Regulate Inquiry." Daedalus 107.2 (1978): 1-21.

- Include an issue number following the volume number, separated by a period.

## **Book Review**

Wolfe, Alan. "Turning Economics to Dust." Rev. of Free to Choose: A Personal Statement, by Milton and Rose Friedman. Saturday Review 2 Feb. 1980: 39.

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

### Encyclopedia and Almanac

- Full publication information is not required for a familiar reference work, but must be included for a less familiar one.

### Signed with Name or Initial

Allen, Fredrick G. "Leyden Jar." Encyclopedia Americana. 1977 ed.

R [rasmussen], J [ohn ] O., [ Jr. ] "Radioactivity." Encyclopedia Britannica: Macropaedia. 1974 ed.

- Brackets enclose the added parts of the name. A list of contributors is ordinarily supplied in the index volume or in the front part of an encyclopedia.

### Unsigned

"Language: New Words." Reader's Digest : Almanac and Yearbook. 1980 ed.

- In this almanac, main sections ( Like "Language" ) are arranged alphabetically in the text.

"Portsmouth, Treaty of." Columbia Encyclopedia. 1975 ed.

- The title indicates that the article is listed under "P" so page number is not necessary.

### Dictionary

"Equidistant." Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. 1983 ed.

## OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS

### Social Issues Resources (SIRS)

Sagan, Carl. "The Nuclear Winter." Parade (Oct. 30, 1983): 4+. Rpt. in DEFENSE 2. Ed. Eleanor Goldstein. Boca Raton, Fl: Social Issues Resources Series, 1986.

### Facts on File

"Chinese Communist Unrest." Facts on File 27.1397 (3-9 Aug. 1967): 306-308.

## **Who's Who in American Politics**

"Mitchell, John." Who's Who in American Politics. 12<sup>th</sup> ed. 1989-90.

## **Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism**

Hardwick, Michael. The Complete Guide to Sherlock Holmes. London: Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 1986. Rpt. in Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism. 26. Ed. Dennis Poupard. Detroit: Gale, 1988. 251-59.

## **Contemporary Literary Criticism**

Eggenschwiler, David. "The Ordered Disorder of Ethan Frome." Studies in the Novel 9.3. (Fall 1977): 237- 46. Rpt. in Contemporary Literary Criticism 27. Ed. Sharon K. Hall. Detroit: Gale, 1988. 402-6.

Price, Robert M. Rev. of "Songs of a Dead Dreamer." Crypt Cthulhu 5.6 (15 June 1986): 57-8. Rpt. in Contemporary Literary Criticism 27. Ed. Sharon K. Hall. Detroit: Gale, 1988. 55.

## **Dictionary of Literary Biography**

Helteman, Jeffrey. "Arthur Miller." Twentieth-Century American Dramatists Part 2: K-Z. Detroit: Gale, 1981. 86 -111. Vol. 7 of Dictionary of Literary Biography.

## **THE BIBLE**

### **The Bible.**

- Denotes King James version. Do **not** underline title.

The Bible. Revised Standard Edition.

The Four Translation New Testament. Minneapolis: World Wide, 1966.

## **PAMPHLETS AND BULLETINS**

Safety Data Sheet—Kitchen Machines. Pamphlet 690. Chicago: Natl. Restaurant Assn., 1970.

United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Tomorrow's Manpower Needs. Washington: GPO, 1973.

## **GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS\LEGAL DOCUMENTS**

U. S. Department of Education. National Center for Educational Statistics.  
Digest of Educational Statistics. Washington, DC: GPO, 990.

United States. Cong. Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor  
Attack. Hearings. 79th Cong., 1st and 2nd sess. 32 vols.  
Washington: GPO, 1946.

### **Congressional Record**

Cong. Rec. 7 Feb. 1973: 3831-51.

### **Constitution**

U. S. Const. Art. 2, Sec. I.

- Do **not** underline Constitution, Declaration of Independence, or names of court cases.

### **Court Case**

Stevens v. National Broadcasting Co. 148 USPQ 755. CA Super. Ct.  
1966.

### **Personal Information—Elected Official**

United States. Cong. House. Office of David E. Bonior. Biography. Washington:  
1992.

---. ---. Senate. Office of Sam Nunn. Press Release. Washington: 11 July 1991.

- Three hyphens followed by a period stand for **exactly** the same name(s) as in the preceding entry; hyphens can be repeated, as in the example above, to stand for United States and Congress.

## **DISSERTATION OR THESIS**

### **Unpublished**

Woodall, Guy Remon. "Robert Walsh, Jr., as an Editor and Literary Critic: 1797-1836."  
Diss. U of Tennessee, 1966.

## **Published**

Brewda, Lee Aaron. A Semantically-Based Verb Valence Analysis of Old Saxon. Diss. Princeton U, 1981. Ann Arbor: UMI, 1982. 8203236.

## **LETTERS**

### **Personal**

Weathers, Winston. Letter to the author. 5 Mar. 1985.

### **Published**

Eisenhower, Dwight. Letter to Richard Nixon. 20 April 1968. Memoirs of Richard Nixon. By Richard Nixon. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1978.

## **NONPRINT SOURCES**

### **Film or Videotape**

Chaplin, Charles, dir. Modern Times. With Chaplin and Paulette Goddard. United Artists, 1936.

- If you are citing the contribution of a particular person, begin with his/her name.

The Empire Strikes Back. Dir. George Lucas. Twentieth-Century Fox, 1980.

Sevareid, Eric. CBS News. CBS-TV, New York. 11 Mar. 1975; Media Services Videotape 1975-142. Nashville: Vanderbilt U, 1975.

### **Television or Radio Program**

The Commanders: Douglas MacArthur. NBC-TV, New York. 17 Mar. 1975.

"Frederick Douglas." Civil War Journal. Narr. Danny Glover. Dir. Craig Hoffner. Arts and Entertainment Network. 6 Apr. 1993.

Williams, Tennessee. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. Dir. Jack Hofsiss. American Playhouse. PBS. KCET, Los Angeles. 24 June 1985.

### **Performances**

Hamlet. By William Shakespeare. Dir. John Gielgud. With Richard Burton. Shubert Theatre, Boston. 4 Mar. 1964.

Shaw, Robert, cond. Atlanta Symphony Orch. Concert. Atlanta Arts Center, Atlanta.  
14 Dec. 1981.

- An entry for a performance usually begins with the title, unless citing the contribution of a particular individual.

### **Work of Art**

Rembrandt van Rijn. Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

### **Recording**

Newhart, Bob, "Merchandizing the Wright Brothers." The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart. Warner Bros., WS 137, 1960.

### **Audiotape**

Eliot, T. S. Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. Audiotape. Read by John Gielgud and Irene Worth. Caedmon, CP 1713, 1983.

### **Lecture**

Ciardi, John. Address. Opening General Sess. NCTE Convention. Washington, 19 Nov. 1982.

### **Interview**

Miller, Zell. Governor of Georgia. Telephone Interview. 12 Mar. 1993.

Pei, I. M. Personal Interview. 27 July 1983.

\* Sources for materials in this handout:

Gibaldi, Joseph and Walter S. Achtert. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 3rd ed. New York: MLA, 1988.

Lester, James D. Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide. 6th ed. Glenview, IL: Scott/Little, 1990.