

Online sources

MLA guidelines assume that readers can locate most online sources by entering the author, title, or other identifying information in a search engine or a database. Consequently, the *MLA Handbook* does not require a Web address (URL) in citations for online sources. If your instructor requires one, see the note at the end of item 34.

MLA style calls for a sponsor or a publisher in works cited entries for most online sources. If a source has no sponsor or publisher, use the abbreviation "N.p." (for "No publisher") in the sponsor position. If there is no date of publication or update, use "n.d." (for "no date") after the sponsor. For an article in an online journal or an article from a database, give page numbers if they are available; if they are not, use the abbreviation "n. pag." (See item 37.)

34. Entire Web site

Web site with author

author: last name first	title of Web site	sponsor of site (personal page)	update	medium
Peterson, Susan Lynn.	<i>The Life of Martin Luther.</i>	Susan Lynn Peterson,	2005.	Web.
date of access: day + month + year				
24 Jan. 2009.				

Web site with organization (group) as author

organization name: not abbreviated	title of Web site	sponsor: abbreviated	update	medium
American Library Association.	<i>American Library Association.</i>	ALA,	2008.	Web.
date of access: day + month + year				
14 Jan. 2009.				

Web site with no author

title of Web site	sponsor of site	update	medium
<i>Margaret Sanger Papers Project.</i>	History Dept., New York U,	18 Oct. 2000.	Web.
date of access: day + month + year			
6 Jan. 2009.			

Web site with editor

See item 19 (p. 405) for listing the name(s) of editor(s).

Halsall, Paul, ed. *Internet Modern History Sourcebook.* Fordham U, 22 Sept. 2001. Web.
19 Jan. 2009.

Web site with no title

Use the label “Home page” or another appropriate description in place of a title.

Yoon, Mina. Home page. Oak Ridge Natl. Laboratory, 28 Dec. 2006. Web. 12 Jan. 2009.

NOTE: If your instructor requires a URL for Web sources, include the URL, enclosed in angle brackets, at the end of the entry. When a URL in a works cited entry must be divided at the end of a line, break it after a slash. Do not insert a hyphen.

Peterson, Susan Lynn. *The Life of Martin Luther*. Susan Lynn Peterson, 2005. Web. 24 Jan. 2009. <http://www.susanlynnpeterson.com/index_files/luther.htm>.

35. Short work from a Web site Short works include articles, poems, and other documents that are not book length or that appear as internal pages on a Web site. For an illustrated citation of a short work from a Web site, see pages 414–15.

Short work with author

author: last name first	title of short work	title of Web site	sponsor	no update date	medium
Shiva, Vandana.	“Bioethics: A Third World Issue.”	<i>NativeWeb</i> .	NativeWeb,	n.d.	Web.
	date of access: day + month + year				
	22 Jan. 2010.				

Short work with no author

title of short work	title of Web site	sponsor of site	update	medium	date of access: day + month + year
“Sister Aimee.”	<i>American Experience</i> .	PBS Online,	2 Apr. 2007.	Web.	30 Oct. 2010.

36. Web site with an author using a pseudonym Begin the entry with the pseudonym and add the author’s or creator’s real name, if known, in brackets. Follow with the information required for a Web site or a short work from a Web site (see item 34 or 35).

Grammar Girl [Mignon Fogarty]. “What Is the Plural of ‘Mouse’?” *Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing*. Holtzbrinck, 16 Sept. 2008. Web. 10 Nov. 2010.

37. Article in an online journal

author: last name first	article title			
Mason, John Edwin.	“‘Mannenberg’: Notes on the Making of an Icon and Anthem.”			
journal title	volume, issue year	not paginated	medium	date of access: day + month + year
<i>African Studies Quarterly</i>	9.4 (2007):	n. pag.	Web.	23 Feb. 2010.

Citation at a glance: Short work from a Web site (MLA)

To cite a short work from a Web site in MLA style, include the following elements:

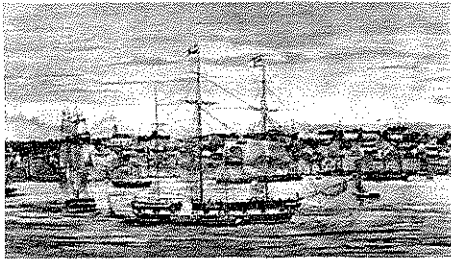
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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 Author of short work (if any) | 5 Update date ("n.d." if none) |
| 2 Title of short work | 6 Medium |
| 3 Title of Web site | 7 Date you accessed the source |
| 4 Sponsor of Web site
("N.p." if none) | |

INTERNAL PAGE OF WEB SITE

3 **NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM**

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2 **Overview of American Whaling**



Native American Whaling
Unlike some of the native peoples of the Pacific Northwest such as the Macah, Nootka and Coastal Salish there is little recorded evidence that eastern woodland native peoples either developed whaling cultures or systematically hunted great whales prior to European influence. Hunting small cetaceans and utilizing the carcasses of stranded whales and

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the local area. It houses the most extensive collection of art, artifacts, and manuscripts pertaining to American whaling in the age of sail - late eighteenth century to the early twentieth, when sailing ships dominated merchant trade and whaling.

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WORKS CITED ENTRY FOR A SHORT WORK FROM A WEB SITE

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 "Overview of American Whaling." *New Bedford Whaling Museum*. Old Dartmouth Hist.
 Soc./New Bedford Whaling Museum, 2009. Web. 27 Oct. 2009.
 5 6 7

For more on citing sources from Web sites in MLA style, see pages 412–13.

38. Article in an online magazine Give the author; the title of the article, in quotation marks; the title of the magazine, italicized; the sponsor or publisher of the site (use "N.p." if there is none); the date of publication; the medium; and your date of access.

Burton, Robert. "The Certainty Epidemic." *Salon.com*. Salon Media Group, 29 Feb. 2008.
 Web. 18 Jan. 2010.

39. Article in an online newspaper Give the author; the title of the article, in quotation marks; the title of the newspaper, italicized; the sponsor or publisher of the site (use "N.p." if there is none); the date of publication; the medium; and your date of access.

Smith, Andrew D. "Poll: More than 70% of US Workers Use Internet on the Job."
Dallasnews.com. Dallas Morning News, 25 Sept. 2008. Web. 29 Sept. 2008.

40. Work from a database For a source retrieved from a library's subscription database, first list the publication information for the source (see items 7–15) and then provide information about the database. For an illustrated citation of an article from a database, see page 416.

author of source: last name first	title of article	journal title	volume, issue	year	page(s)
Heyen, William.	"Sunlight."	<i>American Poetry Review</i>	36.2	(2007):	55-56. <i>Expanded</i>
	date of access:	database name	medium	day + month + year	
		<i>Academic ASAP</i> .	Web.	24 Mar. 2010.	

Barrera, Rebeca María. "A Case for Bilingual Education." *Scholastic Parent and Child*
 Nov.-Dec. 2004: 72-73. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 1 Feb. 2009.

Williams, Jeffrey J. "Why Today's Publishing World Is Reprising the Past." *Chronicle*
of Higher Education 13 June 2008: n. pag. *LexisNexis Academic*. Web.
 29 Sept. 2009.