MLA reference style (2009)

A. Works Cited Page
MLA now requires the medium of publication in all works cited entries, usually (Web is placed before the date of access) at the end of the entry. These include “Print,” “Web,” “Television,” “Film,” and “Lecture.”

Books
For books, organize the information into four units, each followed by a period and one space. These four units are: the author’s name; the title and subtitle, italicized; the place of publication, the publisher, and the date; and the medium.
Author(s). Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Magazine or newspaper article

Web Site
Author(s). Title of Site. Sponsor, Date of Publication or Last Update. Web. Date of Access.

Short Work from a Web Site
Author(s). "Title of Article." Title of Site. Sponsor, Date of Publication or Last Update. Web. Date of Access.

When there is no date of publication, use n.d. in place of the date.

Work from a Database
Publication information from the source (eg. Article from a magazine above), then the name of the database, the medium, and date of access.

B. In-text Citations
In-text citations are usually made with a signal phrase and a parenthetical reference. The signal phrase usually includes the author’s name, credentials, and the name of the source or some combination of the three. The parenthetical reference is located after the cited material and usually includes the page number and the author’s last name if the author’s name is not in the signal phrase. When the author’s name is included in the parenthetical reference, no comma is used between the name and the page number.

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