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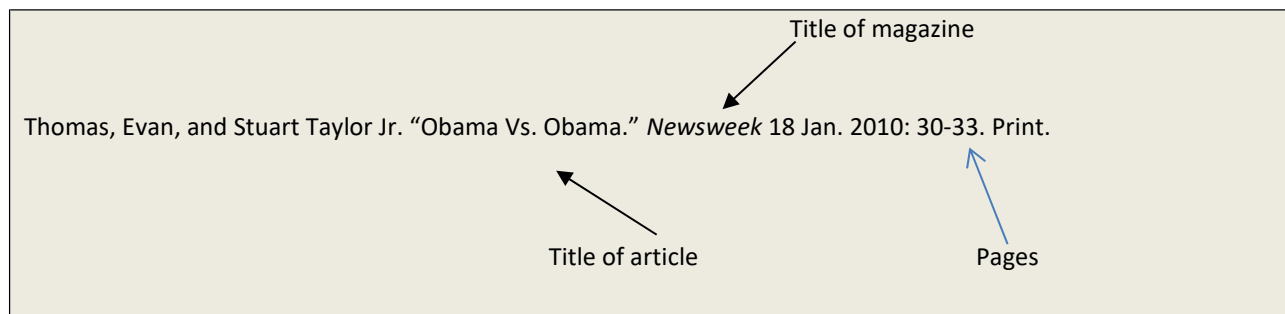
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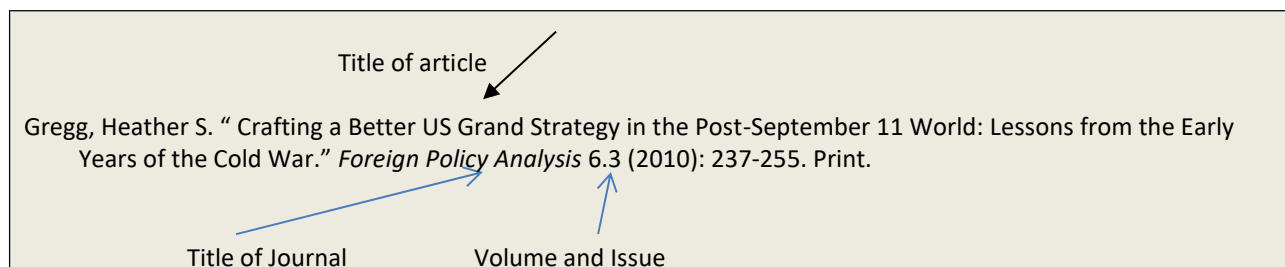
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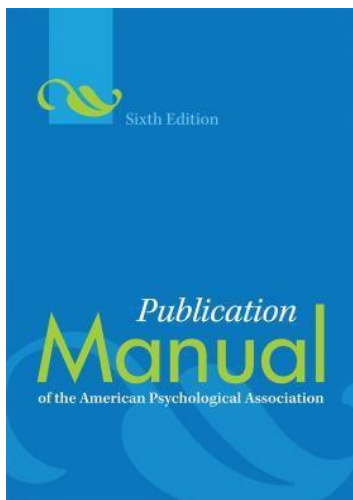
In addition to citing books and articles, there are a host of other types of sources which you may need to cite, including interviews, speeches, conference proceedings, and films. Electronic sources (web publications) include entire web sites, a page on a web site, images, articles in a web magazine or an online scholarly journal, or articles from an online database (or other electronic subscription service). Examples of online databases which DCC subscribes to include **Academic Search Complete**, **Opposing Viewpoints**, and **Issues & Controversies**. When citing sources you will first need to learn the bibliographic style (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.) your instructor wants you to use. Then you will need to consult the bibliographic style manual for that particular style in order to learn how to cite your sources.

Most instructors at DCC will require that you cite sources using either MLA style or APA style. Other bibliographic styles are Chicago style and Turabian.

MLA style is used by disciplines in the **humanities**, such as language, literature, philosophy, religion, and performing arts. Use the **MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, Seventh edition**, published in **2009**, to learn how to create MLA citations. It is available in the Circulating Collection and its call number is **LB 2369.G53 2009**.



APA style is used by writers in the **social sciences**, such as psychology, anthropology, geography, political science, sociology, and economics. Use the **Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth edition**, published in **2010**, to learn how to create citations in APA style. The manual is located in the Circulating Collection and its call number is **BF 76.7.P83 2010**.



For additional information on using MLA and APA style, see the link to **Style Manuals** on the **e-Library page**. Select **Using MLA Style** or **Using APA Style** available from the **Purdue Online Writing Lab**, also known as **OWL**. Links to MLA Style and APA Style Guides are available on the left side of the page. Displayed below is the MLA Style Guide.



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MLA Formatting and Style Guide

Summary:

MLA (Modern Language Association) style is most commonly used to write papers and cite sources within the liberal arts and humanities. This resource, updated to reflect the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th ed.) and the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (3rd ed.), offers examples for the general format of MLA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the Works Cited page.

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Please use the example at the bottom of this page to cite the Purdue OWL in MLA.

To see a side-by-side comparison of the three most widely used citation styles, including a chart of all MLA citation guidelines, see the [Citation Style Chart](#).

You can also watch our [MLA vidcast series](#) on the [Purdue OWL YouTube Channel](#).

General Format

MLA style specifies guidelines for formatting manuscripts and using the English language in writing. MLA style also provides writers with a system for referencing their sources through parenthetical citation in their essays and Works Cited pages.

Writers who properly use MLA also build their credibility by demonstrating accountability to their source material. Most importantly, the use of MLA style can protect writers from accusations of plagiarism, which is the purposeful or accidental uncredited use of source material by other writers.

If you are asked to use MLA format, be sure to consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition). Publishing scholars and graduate students should also consult the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (3rd edition). The *MLA Handbook* is available in most writing centers and reference libraries; it is also widely available in bookstores, libraries, and at the MLA web site. See the Additional Resources section of this handout for a list of helpful books and sites about using MLA style.

Paper Format



The first page of the guide provides general formatting information. Information on paper format, general guidelines, formatting the first page of your paper, and section headings is provided. On the left side of the page are links to creating in-text citations, formatting questions, and endnotes and footnotes. Instructions on how to cite specific types of resources, such as books, periodicals, and electronic sources, are also provided. A sample MLA or APA paper is included.

Citations on the Online Catalog (VCCSLinc)

Citations for different bibliographic styles are provided on the online catalog (VCCSLinc). For example, look at the full view of the record for the book entitled **The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys**, by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Select the link to **Cite this Title**, which is located on the lower right side of the page.

The screenshot displays the VCCSLinc online catalog interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with options like 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favorites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below this is a search and navigation bar with various search options and a 'Sign-in' button. The main content area is titled 'Full View of Record' and shows details for the book 'The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys' by Doris Kearns Goodwin. The record includes fields for Author, Title, Published, Description, Gen. note, Bibliogr., Contents, ISBN, Subject - Name, Format, Record Number, OCLC Number, Holdings, and Location. On the right side, there is an 'Additional Information' section with a 'Summary' and 'Author Notes'. At the bottom right of the 'Additional Information' section, there are links for 'WorldCat' and 'Cite this title'. A blue arrow points from the 'Cite this title' link to the text above.

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Title	The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys / Doris Kearns Goodwin.
Published	New York : Simon and Schuster, c1987.
Description	xvii, 932 p., [22] p. of plates : ill. ; 24 cm.
Gen. note	Includes index.
Bibliogr.	Bibliography: p. [891]-903.
Contents	bk. 1. The Fitzgeralds, 1863-1915 -- bk. 2. The Kennedys, 1915-1940 -- bk. 3. The golden trio, 1941-1961.
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Additional Information

Summary

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Author Notes

Doris Kearns Goodwin was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 4, 1943. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Colby College in 1964 and a Ph.D. in government from Harvard University in 1968. She taught at Harvard University and worked as an assistant to President Lyndon Johnson during his last year in the White House.

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ISBN: 0671200192

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Chicago (Author-Date, 15th ed.)
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Most library databases provide **MLA** and **APA** citations for magazine and journal articles. Shown below is the link to the article "Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces from the Musée d'Orsay." This article is available on **EBSCOhost's Academic Search Complete** database. When you select the blue link for the title of the article, the page which provides a link to the **Citation Format Box** for the article is displayed. (See the next page).

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American Artist, Jul/Aug2010, Vol. 74 Issue 811, p70-71. 2p. Abstract: The article reviews the exhibition "Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces From the Musée d'Orsay," at the de Young Museum of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco in San Francisco, California until September 6, 2010. (AN: 51196134)

Subjects: IMPRESSIONISM (Art movement) -- Exhibitions; ART movements; PAINTING -- Exhibitions; SAN FRANCISCO (Calif.); CALIFORNIA; M.H. De Young Memorial Museum

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Select the **Cite icon** under **Tools** on the right side of the page to bring up the box which provides the citation for this article in a variety of citation formats.

The screenshot displays the EBSCO Academic Search Complete interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'New Search', 'Publications', 'Subject Terms', 'Cited References', and 'More'. A search bar contains the query 'birth of impressionism masterpieces from th' with a dropdown menu set to 'TI Title'. Below the search bar are two 'AND' search criteria fields, each with a 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdown. The search results section shows a single result for the article 'Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces From the Musée d'Orsay.' The article details include: Source: American Artist, Jul/Aug2010, Vol. 74 Issue 811, p70-71. 2p.; Document Type: Entertainment Review; Subject Terms: *IMPRESSIONISM (Art movement) -- Exhibitions, *ART movements, *PAINTING -- Exhibitions; Geographic Terms: SAN FRANCISCO (Calif.), CALIFORNIA; Company/Entity: M.H. De Young Memorial Museum; Abstract: The article reviews the exhibition "Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces From the Musée d'Orsay," at the de Young Museum of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco in San Francisco, California until September 6, 2010.; Full Text Word Count: 162; ISSN: 0002-7375; Accession Number: 51196134. On the right side, a 'Tools' sidebar is visible, containing icons for 'Add to folder', 'Print', 'E-mail', 'Save', 'Cite', 'Export', 'Create Note', 'Permalink', and 'Bookmark'. A blue arrow points from the text above to the 'Cite' icon in the 'Tools' sidebar. The bottom of the page features a footer with links for 'Mobile Site', 'iPhone and Android apps', 'EBSCO Support Site', 'Privacy Policy', 'Terms of Use', and 'Copyright', along with a copyright notice for 2014 EBSCO Industries, Inc. The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows the system clock at 7:50 PM on 4/1/2014.

Scroll down the bar on the inside of the **Citation Format** box to display all of the various style formats.

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with options like 'New Search', 'Publications', 'Subject Terms', 'Cited References', and 'More'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'birth of impressionism masterpieces from th' and a dropdown menu set to 'TI Title'. There are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. To the right, it says 'Access provided by Danville Community College & VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia'. Below the search bar are two 'AND' dropdown menus for selecting fields. The main content area shows a 'Result List' with '1 of 1' results. The selected result is titled 'Citation Format' and contains a note: 'NOTE: Review the instructions at EBSCO Support Site and make any necessary corrections before using. Pay special attention to personal names, capitalization, and dates. Always consult your library resources for the exact formatting and punctuation guidelines.' Below the note are three citation style options: 'APA (American Psychological Assoc.)', 'Chicago/Turabian: Author-Date', and 'Chicago/Turabian: Humanities'. Each option shows a sample citation for the article 'Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces From the Musée d'Orsay'. At the bottom of the citation format box, there is a link to 'Export to Bibliographic Management Software'. Below the citation format box, the article title 'Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces From the Musée d'Orsay.' is displayed, followed by its source, document type, and subject terms. A blue arrow points from the text above to the vertical scrollbar on the right side of the citation format box.

DCC subscribes to over 40 **EBSCOhost** databases. Follow the above instructions to find the Citation Format box for the articles in all of the EBSCO databases.

Citing Resources on the Opposing Viewpoints Database

You can access **Opposing Viewpoints** by selecting the link to **Controversial Issues** on the **e-Library** page.

Displayed below is the first page of an academic journal article entitled ***Ridding Schools of Junk Food***. Select the link to **Citation Tools** under **Tools** on the right side of the page.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Gale Opposing Viewpoints website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://ic.galegroup.com/ic/ovic/AcademicJournalsDetailsPage/AcademicJournalsDet>. The page title is "Opposing Viewpoints in Co...". The website header includes "GALE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS IN CONTEXT." and navigation tabs for "Home", "Browse Issues", "Maps", and "Resources". The article title is "Ridding schools of junk food" by AMASS, Spring 2013. The article text discusses the Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010 and the impact of competitive foods on school meals. On the right side, there is a "Tools" menu with options: Bookmark, Download, Share, Citation Tools, Email, Print, Dictionary, Translate, and Save. Below the tools is a "Related Subjects" section with links to "Junk foods", "School food services", and "United States Department of Agriculture". A blue arrow points from the text above to the "Citation Tools" link in the menu.

The screenshot shows the Gale Opposing Viewpoints website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Browse Issues', 'Maps', and 'Resources'. Below this, the article title 'Ridding schools of junk food' is displayed, along with the source 'AMASS, Spring 2013'. A 'Citation Tools' window is open, showing two tabs: 'MLA 7th Edition' (selected) and 'APA 6th Edition'. The citation text for the selected tab is: Simon, Michele. "Ridding schools of junk food." *AMASS* 17.4 (2013): 42+. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*. Web. 2 Apr. 2014. Below the citation, there is a 'Document URL' and a long alphanumeric string. To the right of the citation tool, there is an 'Export' section with buttons for 'EasyBib', 'EndNote', 'ProCite', 'Reference Manager', and 'RefWorks'. The main content area below the citation tool contains a paragraph of text starting with 'schoolchildren are well-nourished. However, the ongoing presence of competitive food in schools undermines these programs financially. Indeed the very term "competitive" underscores this problem. According to school chef Ann Cooper. "Students should be eating healthy complete meals; the opportunity to opt-out by purchasing competitive food is actually counter to the mission of the National School Lunch Program." Below this, another paragraph starts with 'Indeed, a report from the Illinois Public Health Institute found that while "strengthening nutrition standards for competitive foods are associated with increased participation in the USDA reimbursable meal program, schools that completely eliminated competitive food sales tended to see the greatest increases in school meal participation rates."'. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://ic.galegroup.com/ic-ovic/citationtools/rest/cite/download. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 12:12 PM on 4/2/2014.

By default the citation for the article is shown in MLA style. Select the box for APA style if you want to see the APA format for the article.

These are just some examples of how MLA and APA citations are provided in different databases. You will need to check each database to see if it provides citations in different bibliographic styles. **Do not assume that the MLA or APA citations provided by the databases or by the online catalog (VCCSLinc) are completely correct; you may need to make some modifications to the citation.** Check the latest bibliographic style manual or check with your instructor or a librarian if you have questions on citing sources properly.

Citation Generators

When you select **Style Guides** on the **e-Library page**, you will see a link to **Son of Citation Machine**. Son of Citation Machine is a **Citation Generator**, an online resource which will help you format citations.

The screenshot shows the Son of Citation Machine website. At the top left is the logo "Landmarks Son of Citation Machine™" with the tagline "Respect the time & creative effort of those whose information you use." and the version number "4.0". Below the logo are flags for Spain, France, and the UK, and navigation links for "About", "Blog", and "Disclaimer & Privacy Policy". On the left, a menu lists citation styles: MLA 7th, APA 6th, TURABIAN, and CHICAGO. The main content area includes a paragraph about the site's purpose, an "ISBN LOOKUP" form with an ISBN input field and radio buttons for MLA and APA, and a "submit" button. Below this are sections for "INSTRUCTIONS" (a 4-step list) and "LINKBOT" (a link to save the site). On the right, there are advertisements for American Airlines and Milestones.

Select the bibliographic style (MLA, APA, etc.) that you want to use. The following page appears, listing different print and electronic sources. Select the red link **More** at the top to see the entire list of different types of sources.

This screenshot shows a menu for selecting a citation style and source type. At the top, "MLA 7th" is selected. Below it is a red "MORE" link with a blue arrow pointing to it. The menu is divided into "PRINT" and "NONPRINT" sections. Under "PRINT", there are options for BOOK, ENCYCLOPEDIA OR OTHER REFERENCE WORK, JOURNAL ARTICLE, MAGAZINE ARTICLE, and NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. Under "NONPRINT", there are options for ONLINE JOURNAL ARTICLE, ONLINE MAGAZINE ARTICLE, ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA, WEB DOCUMENT, and WEB-BASED IMAGES OR VIDEOS. At the bottom, other citation styles are listed: APA 6th, TURABIAN, and CHICAGO.

Select the type of source you wish to cite. Shown below is the form for citing a print book in MLA Style.

The screenshot shows the 'Son of Citation Machine' interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'MLA 7th' selected, and a list of source types under 'PRINT' and 'NONPRINT'. The 'PRINT' section is active, and 'BOOK' is selected. The main form is titled 'MLA Book' and 'Citing from Entire Book - Print Only'. It includes fields for ISBN, Author Name(s) (Last and First), Title of the Work, Edition of Book, Volume Number, Publishing City, Publishing Company, Year Published, Page Number(s), and Medium (Print). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

Complete the form and then select **Submit** at the bottom of the page. The MLA citation for your source is now displayed.

The screenshot shows the result of the citation generation. At the top, there is a 'Return to Form to Correct Mistakes' button. Below it, the instruction 'Copy the citation below and paste it into your document.' is followed by a dashed box containing the citation: 'Preston, Richard. *The Hot Zone*. New York: Random House, 1994. Print.' Below this, the instruction 'Use your editor to format your citation as illustrated below. Do Not Copy this Citation (below).' is followed by another dashed box containing the in-text citation: '(Preston)'. At the bottom, there is a note about parenthetical in-text citations and a reference to the Style Guide.

Landmark's Son of Citation Machine is available at <http://citationmachine.net>

Other citation generators are **EasyBib**, available at <http://www.easybib.com> and **NoodleBib Express**, at <http://www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/express.php> While citation generators can assist you in formatting citations, **errors in formatting do occur on citation generators. Be sure to check your citations with a bibliographic style guide or check with a librarian or your instructor.**