

## Works Cited in MLA 8<sup>th</sup> Ed. Style – Examples & Tips

Please consult your instructor for specific directions, as they may differ from those provided here. See the *MLA Handbook* (8<sup>th</sup> ed. 2016) available in the MCCC Library reference desk and course reserves collections at R 808.027 G437mo. See the *MLA Style Center* at [style.mla.org](http://style.mla.org) for additional information. Parenthetical page references (see p. #) are to the *MLA Handbook*.

### Works Cited Examples from MCCC Library Databases

#### **Academic Search Premier (EBSCO) – Journal Article with DOI available**

Porter, Guy, and Vladan Starcevic. "Are Violent Video Games Harmful?" *Australasian Psychiatry*, vol. 15, no. 5, 2007, pp. 422-26. *Academic Search Premier*, doi: 10.1080/10398560701463343.

**Academic Search Premiere (EBSCO) – Monthly Magazine Article without DOI** Note: you may omit volume and issue numbers if not readily available for a magazine citation, but you are not required to omit them (see example p. 43).

Dybas, Cheryl Lyn. "Ice Bears On The Edge." *Natural History*, vol. 122, no. 1, Feb. 2014, pp. 24-37.

*Academic Search Premier*, [monroeccc.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=94269228&site=ehost-live](http://monroeccc.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=94269228&site=ehost-live).

#### **Expanded Academic ASAP (Gale) – Journal Article without DOI**

Hutchinson, Dave E. "'Fleeting Expletives' Are the Tip of the Iceberg: Fallout from Exposing the

Arbitrary and Capricious Nature of Indecency Regulation." *Federal Communications Law*

*Journal*, vol. 61, no. 1, 2008, pp. 229-49. *Expanded Academic ASAP*,

[go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=EAIM&sw=w&u=lom\\_monroeccccl&v=2.1&it=r&id=GALE%7CA194463369&asid=89ca2af10ec2a439263e110d1c71adc4](http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=EAIM&sw=w&u=lom_monroeccccl&v=2.1&it=r&id=GALE%7CA194463369&asid=89ca2af10ec2a439263e110d1c71adc4).

**JSTOR – Journal Article with DOI** Note: DOI was obtained using CrossRef Metadata Search

Spegele, Roger D. "Fiction as Political Theory: Joseph Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness'." *British Journal of*

*Political Science*, vol. 2, no. 3, 1972, pp. 319-37. *JSTOR*, doi: 10.1017/s0007123400008693.

#### **Newsbank – Newspaper Article**

Portteus, Danielle. "Senate Vote Moves River Raisin Battlefield Closer to Park Status." *Monroe Evening*

*News*, 16 Jan. 2009, p. 1A. *NewsBank*.

[infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/125D211997073BB0?p=NewsBank](http://infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/125D211997073BB0?p=NewsBank).



**Nursing Resource Center (Gale) – Article in an Reference Book**

Edgren, Altha Roberts, and Teresa G. Odle. "Diabetes Mellitus." *Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine*, edited by Jacqueline L. Longe, 5th ed., vol. 3, Gale, 2015. *Nursing Resource Center*, find.galegroup.com/nrcx/infomark.do?&source=gale&userGroupName=lom\_monroeccl&prodId=NRC&tabID=T001&docId=DB3000330545&type=retrieve&contentSet=GREF&version=1.0.

**Credo Reference – Unsigned Article in a Reference Book**

"Medea." *All Things Chaucer: An Encyclopedia of Chaucer's World*, edited by Shannon L. Rogers, ABC-CLIO, 2006. *Credo Reference*. monroeccl.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://search.credoreference.com/content/entry/abcchaucer/medea/0.

**Literature Criticism Online (Gale) – Republished Article in a Reference Book**

Holloway, Karla F.C. "Holy Heat: Rituals of the Spirit in Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*." *Religion and Literature*, vol. 23, no. 3, 1991, pp. 121-47. *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism*, edited by Lawrence J. Trudeau. vol. 285. Gale, 2013. *Literature Criticism Online*, go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=LCO&sw=w&u=lom\_monroeccl&v=2.1&id=QLZFW684040373&it=r&asid=fe771492a36a39032bcb9b8b399bb076.

## Works Cited Examples from MCCC Library Print Collections

**Reprinted Article in a Print Reference Book.**

Lever, J. W. "Shylock, Portia and the Values of Shakespearian Comedy." *Shakespeare Quarterly*, vol. III, no. 4, Oct. 1952, pp. 383-86. *Shakespearean Criticism: Excerpts from the Criticism of William Shakespeare's Plays and Poetry, from the First Published Appraisals to Current Evaluations*, edited by Mark W. Scott, vol. 4. Gale, 1987, pp. 263-66.

**Unsigned Article in a Print Reference Book. One Volume of a Multi-Volume Book Series.** Note: Harvard University Press is the publisher rather than Belknap Press, an imprint (see p. 109) and "Harvard University Press" is abbreviated "Harvard UP" (see p. 97).

"Devil's Strip." *Dictionary of American Regional English*, edited by Frederic G. Cassidy, vol. II, Harvard UP, 1991, pp. 55-56.



**Print Book with Three or More Authors.** Note: “Publishers” omitted from Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (see p. 97).

Halley, Jean, et al. *Seeing White: An Introduction to White Privilege and Race*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2011.

**Edited Print Book or Anthology.**

Vlasich, James A., editor. *Horsehide, Pigskin, Oval Tracks and Apple Pie: Essays on Sports and American Culture*. McFarland, 2006.

**Chapter in an Edited Print Book or Anthology.**

Korol, Kimberly Tony. “Marketing Multiple Mythologies of Masculinity: Television Advertising and the National Hockey League.” *Horsehide, Pigskin, Oval Tracks and Apple Pie: Essays on Sports and American Culture*, edited by James A. Vlasich, McFarland, 2006, pp. 180-99.

## **Works Cited Examples from Other Non-MCCC Library Sources**

**Web-only Publication**

Allen, Greg. “Will Florida Pythons Slither to Rest of the U.S.?” 26 Nov. 2012. *NPR*.

[www.npr.org/2012/11/26/165941428/will-florida-pythons-slither-to-rest-of-the-u-s](http://www.npr.org/2012/11/26/165941428/will-florida-pythons-slither-to-rest-of-the-u-s).

**Web-only Government Report, Corporate Author.** Note: publisher of website omitted because it is essentially the same as the title of the website (see p. 42).

United States, Environmental Protection Agency. “Basic Information About Lead in Drinking Water.” *US Environmental Protection Agency*. 17 Mar. 2016. [www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water).



## Works Cited Tips

- Each entry in the Works Cited list should have a hanging indent (see p.112) and be double-spaced.
- The possible elements of a Work cited entry are in order: Author. Title of Source (such as a book or an article). Title of Container (such as a multi-volume set or a journal), Other Contributors (such as editors), Version (such as edition), Number (such as volume and issue), Publisher, Publication Date, Location (such as page numbers, URL, or DOI). Templates are provided (see p. 129) and at [style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide/](http://style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide/)
- If the work is part of an additional container (such as a database), include elements for it beginning with Title of Container as appropriate.
- Omit the “http://” at the beginning of a URL (see p. 110). Check that your word-processing software does not insert a hyphen into a long URL that spans multiple lines.
- If your instructor prefers that you not include URL’s or DOI’s in your Works Cited list, please follow those instructions.
- Use a DOI if available instead of a URL (see p. 110). If a DOI is not provided, you may check to see if one is available for an article, book, etc. by entering an author name, article title, journal name, publication year, etc. at [search.crossref.org](http://search.crossref.org)
- If a periodical article is on non-consecutive pages, use a plus sign following the initial page number, e.g. “pp. 57+” for an article on page 57 and 58 then continued on page 72 (see p. 110).
- Page number ranges: omit any repeated leading digits beyond the ones and tens of the final page number, e.g. “422-26” instead of “422-426” or “1046-52” instead of “1046-1052.” This practice is illustrated (see p. 114) although not stated directly in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition.
- When a government agency is the corporate author of a work, begin with the largest unit of that government and then smaller units down to the authoring agency (see p.104-05).
- The citation shortcuts provided by various databases are useful timesavers, but results should be checked carefully. Some may still provide MLA 7<sup>th</sup> edition styles. Some other common errors are incorrect punctuation marks, over-capitalization in article titles, misuse of italics and misuse of abbreviations in dates.
- Does copy and paste from a database citation shortcut provide incorrect font style, font sizes, indents or spacing in your *Word* document?
  - Try a different web browser, such as Firefox instead of Edge.
  - Try *Word*’s menu option *Paste Special* and choose *Unformatted Text*. This will re-use the existing formatting of your Works Cited list, but you will need to re-do italics, etc.

## Some Changes in Works Cited in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition from the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

- Use of URL or DOI is now recommended instead of optional.
- Article page numbers now use “p.” or “pp.” abbreviations.
- “Editor” and “translator” are now spelled out in full rather than abbreviated as “ed.” and “trans.”
- Dates of publication no longer use parentheses, but are separated by commas.
- MLA 8<sup>th</sup> does not state different periodical citation guidelines for providing numbering of magazines and journals. Previous practice had required omission of volume and issue numbers for magazines even if available. Current examples omit volume and issue numbers for magazine citations (see p.43) but include them for journal citations (see p. 30 and p. 32).
- The city of publication for print sources is no longer necessary, except for pre-1900 works or to distinguish a European edition from an American edition (see p. 43).
- The date that an article or document was retrieved from the web is now optional.

