

**How to Cite Periodicals in MLA Style (7<sup>th</sup> ed.)** (link to [Libraries](#))

Periodicals are **magazines, newspapers, and professional or academic journals.**

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Instructions for citing:

Create a **resource** list consisting of helpful sources which provide basic information about the topic of the paper, including those to be cited with **paraphrased** and **quoted** text in the research paper. *Wikipedia* and other general encyclopedias might be included in this initial list, but typically not cited in an academic research paper.

From the initial list, the final **Works Cited** list is created and consists of sources cited in the paper. This list should be arranged in alphabetical order.

**BASIC ELEMENTS OF CITATION**

***Magazine Article (Hardcopy)***

AuthorLastName, FirstName MiddleNameOrInitial. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Month yyyy:  
firstpage-lastpage. Print.

***Newspaper Article (Hardcopy)***

AuthorLastName, FirstName MiddleNameOrInitial. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* dd Month yyyy:  
editionnumber, sectionnumber, firstpage-lastpage. Print.

***Academic Journal Article (Hardcopy)***

AuthorLastName, FirstName MiddleNameOrInitial. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* (yyyy): firstpage-  
lastpage. Print.

***Periodical Article (PBCC Online Database)***

[Use sample above, but replace **Print** with following]: *DatabaseName*. Web. [Accessed] dd Month yyyy.

**Sample Works Cited**

**1** Palm Beach State database

Boyum, David, and Mark A.R. Kleiman. "Breaking the Drug-crime Link." *Public Interest*  
(2003): 19-38, 152. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 22 July 2009.

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McDonough, John. "Benny, Meet *Downbeat*. *Downbeat*, Benny." *Downbeat* July 2009: 38-  
43. Print.

Mone, Gregory. "Racing the Sun." *Popular Science* June 2009: 28-29. *Academic Search Com-  
plete*. Web. 23 July 2009. **1**

"The Problem Page for History Mentors (Column) [Margaret Cooper's Lesson]." *Teaching  
History* (2008): 56-59. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 23 July 2009.

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Salisbury, Susan. "Boca Woman Banks on Biofuel Venture." *The Palm Beach Post* 17 July 2009, final ed.: 1A. *NewsBank Access World News*. Web. 6 August 2009.

Tierney, John. "The Immoral Majority." Op-ed. *The New York Times*. New York Times, 31 October 2006. Web. 22 July 2009.

Vaknin, Yiftach, et al. "Are Flowers Morphologically Adapted to Take Advantage of Electrostatic Forces in Pollination?" *New Phytologist*. 52.2 (2001): 301-06. *JSTOR*. Web. 22

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Cite **paraphrased** and **quoted** sources within text of a paper according to the entries in the **Works Cited** list. Examples below are linked to the **Sample Works Cited** list on this sheet.

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### Signal Phrase

According to Boyum and Kleiman, our drug problems cannot be reduced unless there are changes in approaches to problem-solving and ultimately more intelligent policies (38).

### Paraphrases

Mentoring a teacher ... ("Problem" 3).

An airplane fueled by the sun will be ready for takeoff in 2011 ... (Moan 29).

### Quotation

... the "testing-and-sanctions idea" as being "the only single proposal with the potential to reduce drug-related crime swiftly and dramatically" (Boyum and Kleiman 38).

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- For assistance with details of grammar, spelling, and other writing and speech outlining questions, visit the [SLC Writing Lab](#). Also see [The Bedford Handbook](#).
  - Several guidelines from the [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. \(2009\)](#):
    - No underlining; use italics instead (see 3.3, pp. 78-9)
    - When to include URL
      - if, without it, reader could face difficulty finding source
      - if **your instructor requires it**
    - **Flexibility of MLA style:** "improvise" when unanticipated features encountered
    - **"Be consistent..."** with styles when writing all citations
    - **Verification of websites:** chance of "disappearing sites, ... download, ... print, [or email] ..." retrieved references and save for later – just in case (5.6.1, pp. 182-3)