



MLA Style Guide

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Books

Single Author/Editor

WCLC:	Wilson, Frank R. <u>The Hand: How Its Use Shapes the Brain, Language, and Human Culture</u> . New York: Pantheon, 1998.
PC:	(Wilson 35)

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Books

Multiple Authors/Editors

WCLC:	Ehrenreich, Barbara, and John Ehrenreich, eds. <u>The American Health Empire: Power, Profits and Politics</u> . New York: Vintage, 1971.
PC:	(Ehrenreich and Ehrenreich 123-30)
WCLC:	Grossberg, Lawrence, Cary Nelson, and Paula A. Treichler, eds. <u>Cultural Studies</u> . New York: Routledge, 1992.
PC:	(Grossberg, Nelson, and Treichler 56)
WCLC:	Hall, Stuart, et al. <u>Modernity: An Introduction to Modern Societies</u> . Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, 1996.
PC:	(Hall et al. 96-125, 128)

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Corporate Authorship

WCLC:	American Medical Association. <u>The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine</u> . New York: Random, 1989.
PC:	(American Medical Association 72, 76)

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Unknown or Anonymous

WCLC:	<u>A Guide to Our Federal Lands</u> . Washington: National Geographic Society, 1984.
PC:	(Guide 112)

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Work in an Anthology/Translation

(note: page numbers in WCLC)

WCLC:	Hansberry, Lorraine. <u>A Raisin in the Sun</u> . <u>Black Theater: A Twentieth-Century Collection of Its Best Playwrights</u> . Ed. Lindsay Patterson. New York: Dodd, 1971. 221-76.
PC:	(Hansberry 223-24)
WCLC:	Allende, Isabel. "Toad's Mouth." Trans. Margaret Sayers Peden: <u>A Hammock beneath the Mangoes: Stories from Latin America</u> . Ed. Thomas Colchie. New York: Plume, 1992. 83-88.
PC:	(Allende 84)

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Books

An Edition

WCLC:	Crane, Stephen. <u>The Red Badge of Courage: An Episode of the American Civil War</u> . 1895. Ed. Fredson Bowers. Charlottesville: UP of Virginia, 1975.
PC:	(Crane 29-31)

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Book in a Series

WCLC:	Shilstone, Frederick W. <u>Approaches to Teaching Byron's Poetry</u> . Approaches to Teaching World Literature 36. New York: MLA, 1991.
PC:	(Shilstone 338, 345)

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Multivolume Work

WCLC:	Lucas, Robert E., Jr. and Thomas J. Sargent, eds. <u>Rational Expectations and Econometric Practice</u> . 2 vols. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1981.
PC:	(Lucas and Sargent, vol. 1)
WCLC:	Churchill, Winston S. <u>The Age of Revolution</u> . New York: Dodd, 1957. Vol. 3 of <u>A History of the English-Speaking Peoples</u> . 4 vols. 1956-58.
PC:	(Churchill, vol. 3)

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Encyclopedia Articles

WCLC:	"Mealworm." <u>Encyclopaedia Britannica</u> . 1987 ed.
PC:	("Mealworm")
WCLC:	Garvey, Lawrence. "El Paso, Illinois." <u>Encyclopedia Americana</u> . 1982 ed.
PC:	(Garvey 35-36)

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Books

Government Publications

WCLC:	United States. Dept. of State. <u>The Global 2000 Report to the President: Entering the Twenty-First Century</u> . 3 vols. Washington: GPO, 1981.
PC:	(United States Dept. of State, vol. 2)
WCLC:	United States. Cong. Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. <u>Hearings</u> . 79 th Cong., 1 st and 2 nd sess. 32 vols. Washington: GPO, 1946.
PC:	(United States Congressional Joint Committee)

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Conference Proceedings

WCLC:	Freed, Barbara F., ed. <u>Foreign Language Acquisition Research and the Classroom</u> . Proc. Of Consortium for Lang. Teaching and Learning Conf., Oct. 1989. U of Pennsylvania. Lexington: Heath, 1991.
PC:	(Freed 78)

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Journals

Journal Article: Continuous Pagination

(page numbers continue from one issue to the next)

WCLC: Craner, Paul M. "New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music."

Computers and the Humanities 25 (1991): 303-13.

PC: (Craner 310-11)

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Journal: Non-continuous Pagination

(each issue has separate page numbering)

WCLC: Barthelme, Frederick. "Architecture." Kansas Quarterly 13.3-4 (1981): 77-80.

PC: (Barthelme 78)

WCLC: Magistrale, Tony. "Wild Child: Jim Morrison's Poetic Journeys." Journal of Popular

Culture 26.3 (Winter 1992): 133-44.

PC: (Magistrale 135-37)

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Magazine Article

WCLC: Whitaker, Mark. "Getting Tough at Last." Newsweek 10 May 1993: 22.

PC: (Whitaker 22)

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Magazine Article: Anonymous

WCLC: "Panther's Passage." People 18 May 1998: 70.

PC: ("Panther's" 70)

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Newspaper Article

WCLC: Lohr, Steve. "No Playing: Babes in Cyberspace." New York Times 3 Apr. 1998, late ed.:

C1+.

PC: (Lohr C3)

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Journals

Newspaper Article: Anonymous

WCLC:	"Cambodian Orphans Use Internet to Reach Out." <u>Winston-Salem Journal</u> 15 Jan. 1999, city ed.: B1+.
PC:	("Cambodian" B2)

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Newspaper Article: Editorial

WCLC:	"No Golden Opportunity." Editorial. <u>The Wall Street Journal</u> 4 Feb. 1999: A22.
PC:	("No Golden")

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Review

WCLC:	Kauffmann, Stanley. "A New Spielberg." Rev. of <u>Schindler's List</u> . Dir. Steven Spielberg. <u>New Republic</u> 13 Dec. 1993: 30.
PC:	(Kauffmann 30)
WCLC:	"The Cooling of an Admiration." Rev. of <u>Pound/Joyce: The Letters of Ezra Pound to James Joyce, with Pound's Essays on Joyce,</u> ed. Forrest Read. <u>Times Literary Supplement</u> 6 Mar. 1969: 239-40.
PC:	("Cooling" 239-40)

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Electronic Resources

Professional Site

WCLC: Postmodern Culture. Ed. Lisa Brawley and James F. English. 2002. 1 Oct. 2002
<<http://www.iath.virginia.edu/pmc/>>.

PC: (Postmodern)

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Personal Site

WCLC: Lancashire, Ian. Home Page. 28 Mar. 2002. 15 May 2002
<<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/~ian>>.

PC: (Lancashire)

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Online Book

WCLC: Nesbit, E[dith]. Ballads and Lyrics of Socialism. London, 1908. Victorian Women Writers Project. Ed. Perry Willett. May 2000. Indiana U. 26 June 2002
<<http://www.indian.edu/~letrs/vwwp/nesbit/ballsoc.html>>.

PC: (Nesbit)

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Scholarly Project

WCLC: Victorian Women Writers Project. Ed. Perry Willett. Apr. 1997. Indiana U. 26 Apr. 1997
<<http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/>>.

PC: (Victorian)

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Poem in Online Book

WCLC: Nesbit, E [dith]. "Marching Song." Ballads and Lyrics of Socialism. London, 1908.
Womens Writing Project. Ed. Perry Willett. Apr. 1997. Indiana U. 26 Apr. 1997
<<http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/nesbit/ballsoc.html#p9>>.

PC: (Nesbit)

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Article in an Online Scholarly Journal

WCLC: Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." African American Review 32 (1998): 9-16. JSTOR. 1 Oct. 2002 <<http://www.jstor.org/search>>.

PC: (Tolson 15)

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Article in an Online Magazine

WCLC: Brooks, David. "The Culture of Martyrdom." Atlantic Online June 2002. 24 Sept. 2002 <<http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2002/06/brooks.htm>>.

PC: (Brooks)

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ERIC Document

WCLC: Guidelines for Family Television Viewing. Urbana, IL: ERIC clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education, 1990. ERIC. Electronic full-text. EBSCO. 22 Nov. 1998. ED431582.

PC: (Guidelines)

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Article from a Subscription Service

WCLC: Koret, Gene. "Economic Trends: Uh-oh, Warm Water." Business Week 21 July 1997: 22. Electric Lib. Sam Barlow High School Lib., Gresham, Or. 17 Oct. 1997 <<http://www.elibrary.com/>>.

PC: (Koret)

WCLC: McMichael, Anthony J. "Population, Environment, Disease, and Survival: Past Patterns, Uncertain Futures." Lancet 20 Mar. 2002: 1145-48. Academic Universe: Medical. Lexis-Nexis. California Baptist University, Annie Gabriel Lib. 22 May 2002 <<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe>>.

PC: (McMichael 1146)

Electronic Resources

WCLC:	"Fresco." <u>Britannica Online</u> . Vers, 97.1.1. Mar. 1997. Encyclopedia Britannica. 29 Mar. 1997 < http://www.eb.com:180 >.
PC:	("Fresco")
WCLC:	Fullilove v. Klutznick. 448 U.S. 448.448-554. No. 78-1007. US Supreme Court. 1980. Online. <u>Academic Universe</u> . Lexis-Nexis. California Baptist University, Annie Gabriel Lib. 5 August 1999 < http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe >.
PC:	(Fullilove)
WCLC:	"Cooling Trend in Antarctica." <u>Futurist</u> May-June 2002: 15. <u>Academic Search Premier</u> . EBSCO. California Baptist University, Annie Gabriel Lib. 22 May 2002 < http://search.epnet.com/ >.
PC:	("Cooling" 15)

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E-Mail Communication

WCLC:	Boyle, Anthony T. "Re: Utopia." E-mail to Daniel J. Cahill. 21 June 1997.
PC:	(Boyle)
WCLC:	Harner, James L. E-mail to the author. 20 Aug. 1998.
PC:	(Harner)

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An Abstract

WCLC:	Bullough, Vern L. "Medieval Concepts of Adultery." <u>Arthuriana</u> 7.4 (1997): 5-15. Abstract. 26 June 1998 < http://dc.smu.edu/Arthuriana/Abstract/Ab_listl.htm >.
PC:	(Bullough 11)

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An Article in an Online Newspaper or on a Newswire

WCLC:	"Endangered Species Act Upheld." <u>AP Online</u> 22 June 1998. 22 June 1998 < http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/w/AP-Court-Endangered-Species.html >.
PC:	("Endangered")

Electronic Resources

WCLC:	Markoff, John. "The Voice on the Phone is Not Human, but It's Helpful." <u>New York Times</u> <u>On the Web</u> 21 June 1998. 25 June 1998 < http://www.nytimes.com/library/Tech/98/06/biztech/articles/21voice.html >.
PC:	(Markoff)

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- "Citing ERIC Documents," maintained by:
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- MLA Website's Style FAQ found through (http://www.mla.org/style_faq)
- MLA Style Guide website maintained by:
Eric Griffith, University of Georgia Libraries
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URL: <http://www.libs.uga.edu/ref/mlastyle.html>