

MLA Style: A Cheat Sheet

This guide is for the most commonly used databases at LCCC based on the newest edition of the *MLA Handbook*, effective April 2009. For a more detailed online reference guide, see <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/15/>. The *MLA Handbook* provides complete guidelines. Please feel free to [contact a librarian](#) (Liz, Greg, or Dennis) for further assistance.

General Note About Citing Sources

- Book titles, periodical titles (magazines, journals, newspapers), and names of databases are *italicized*.
- Titles of chapters by different authors and titles of periodical articles (from magazines, journals, and newspapers) are indicated in quotation marks (" ").
- Library information is NOT required.
- Give the medium of the publication, i.e. Web, and the date of access at the end.
- If no page numbers are given for an article, use *n. pag.* for *no pages*.
- Most databases include the citation information with the source. You may highlight and copy/paste the information to a word processing document. Simply delete what is not needed, and add what is, after pasting.

Academic Search Premier (and other EBSCO databases)—Magazine or Journal Article

This database does allow you to highlight and copy/paste citation information, albeit differently from some of the others available. To do so, click the link of the title for the article or essay of interest. Next, click the printer that appears with the full-text. On the next screen, on the right, choose MLA from the "Citation Format" menu. Click "Print." Click "Cancel." Highlight and copy/paste, deleting and adding information as necessary so your entry resembles those listed below.

Author Name(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal or Magazine* Volume Number.Issue Number (Issue Date): Page Numbers or n. pag. *Name of Database*. Web. Date of access.

Curry, Patrick. "Magic v. Enchantment." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 14.3 (Oct. 99): 401-12.
Academic Search Premier. Web. 27 April 2009.

OR

Author Name(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal or Magazine* Volume Number.Issue Number (Issue Date): Page Numbers or n. pag. *Name of Database*. Web. Date of access.

Curry, Patrick. "Magic v. Enchantment." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 14.3 (Oct. 99): n. pag.
Academic Search Premier. Web. 27 April 2009.

Basic in-text citation: For pdf format: (Curry 406) For html format: (Curry par. 11)

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Academic Search Premier—Newspaper Article

Author Name(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Issue Date: Section (if listed) and Page number(s) or n. pag. *Name of Database*. Web. Date of access.

Salkeld, Luke. "After 89 Years in the Writing, a New Tolkien." *Daily Mail* 26 Mar. 2007: 32. *Newspaper Source*. Web. 27 April 2009.

OR

Salkeld, Luke. "After 89 Years in the Writing, a New Tolkien." *Daily Mail* 26 Mar. 2007: n. pag. *Newspaper Source*. Web. 27 Apr. 2009.

Basic in-text citation: For pdf format: (Salkeld 22) For html format: (Salkeld par. 7)

Credo Reference

Citing information from this source requires a bit of tweaking on your part. You may scroll to the end of an entry and select MLA as your citation format, then highlight and "copy and paste" the information to your Works Cited page. Once there, you must add the following information (and delete the URL): the author's name if available (which can be found at the end of the entry on the right side of the screen), Web, and the date of access. See below for an example.

Ang, Susan. "Hobbit, The (1937) and The Lord of the Rings (1954-1956)." *The Cambridge Guide to Children's Books in English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001. *Credo Reference*. Web. 27 April 2009.

Basic in-text citation: (Ang par. 6)

Literature Resource Center

An easy way to cite information from this database is to scroll to the end of the entry to where it says "Source Citation." You can then highlight, "copy and paste" this information to your Works Cited page (see below). Be aware that you may need to adjust font size, appropriate indentation, and double-spacing. Do not include the web address. Your Works Cited entries should resemble an example below:

Hannon, Patrice. "The Lord of the Rings as Elegy." *Mythlore*. 24.2 (Summer-Fall 2004): 36. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 27 April 2009.

Basic in-text citation: For html format: (Hannon par.4) For pdf format: (Hannon 36)

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MagillOnLiterature Plus Database

This database does allow you to highlight and copy/paste citation information, albeit differently from some of the others available. To do so, click the link for the essay of interest. Next, click the printer that appears with the full-text. On next screen, on the right, choose MLA from the "Citation Format" menu. Click "Print." Highlight and copy/paste, deleting and adding information as necessary so your entry looks like that listed below.

Note: The author of an essay can be found at the end of the article.

Author of Essay Name(s). "Title of Essay." *Title of Series*. Edition Info (if present). Salem P, Year.

MagillOnLiterature Plus. Web. Date of Access.

McGregor, Robert Kuhn. "The Return of the King." *Masterplots*. Rev. 2nd ed. Salem, 1996.

MagillOnLiterature. Web. 27 April 2009.

Basic in-text citation: (McGregor par. 5)

Note: All sources in *MagillOnLiterature Plus* are published by Salem Press.

Opposing Viewpoints

An easy way to cite information from this database is to scroll to the end of the entry to where it says "Source Citation." You can then highlight, "copy and paste" this information to your Works Cited page (see below). Be aware that you may need to adjust font size, appropriate indentation, and double-spacing. Your Works Cited entries should resemble the example below:

Leigh, Karen. "The Return of the King.(J.R.R. Tolkien, Children of Hurin)." *Time International (Europe*

Edition). 168. 15 (Oct 2, 2006): 57. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 8 July 2009.

Basic in-text citation: For html format: (Leigh par.3) For pdf format: (Leigh 57)

Web Sites

When it comes to information accessed through Google, GoogleScholar, Yahoo, and other such search engines, the rule is include information that is available and don't worry about what is not. Sometimes the latter can be found by removing the end of a web address.

Author Name(s) if available. "Title of Web Page." *Name of Website*. Name of Sponsoring Institution

and/or Organization (if available). Web. Date of Access.

Watkins, Zach. "Morality of Orcs." *The Grey Book: Online Journals of Middle Earth*. UNM Hobbit Society,

University of New Mexico, 2007. Web. 8 July 2009.

Basic in-text citation: HTML: (Watkins par. #) pdf: (Watkins 2)

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OTHER SOURCES

Book—One Author

Author Name (last name first). *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Print.

Pearce, Joseph. *Tolkien: Man and Myth*. San Francisco: Ignatius, 1998. Print.

Basic in-text citation: (Pearce 264)

Book—Two or Three Authors

Author Names (last name first of first author only). *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Print.

Duriez, Colin, and David Porter. *The Inklings Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide to the Lives, Thought, and Writings of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, and Their Friends*. St. Louis: Chalice, 2001. Print.

Basic in-text citation: (Duriez and Porter 264)

Book—More Than Three Authors

Name of First Author (last name first), et al. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year. Print.

Duriez, Colin, et al. *The Inklings Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide to the Lives, Thought, and Writings of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, and Their Friends*. St. Louis: Chalice, 2001. Print.

Basic in-text citation: (Duriez et al. 264)

Personal interview

Baggins, Frodo. Personal interview. 19 Sept. 2002.

Videos

Title of the Film. Name of the Director (first name first). Name of the Distributor, Year of Release. DVD.

The Fellowship of the Ring. Dir. Peter Jackson. New Line Home Video, 2002. DVD.

Basic in-text citation: In the film *The Fellowship of the Ring*, Frodo's resolve is tested...

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Work in an Anthology: Essay/Chapter, Poem, Short Story

Author(s) of Essay/Chapter/Poem/Story. "Title of Essay/Chapter/Poem/Story." *Title of Book From Which*

Work is Taken. Ed. Name of Editor (first name first). City of Publication: Name of Publisher,

Year. Page Number(s) of Essay/Poem/Story. Print.

Sale, Roger. "Tolkien and Frodo Baggins." *J.R.R. Tolkien: Modern Critical Views*. Ed. Harold Bloom.

Philadelphia: Chelsea, 2000. 27-63. Print.

Basic in-text citation: Use name of the essay/chapter etc. author, not the book's editor: (Sale 48)

Sample Works Cited

Ang, Susan. "Hobbit, The (1937) and The Lord of the Rings (1954-1956)." *The Cambridge Guide to*

Children's Books in English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001. *Credo Reference*.

Web. 30 September 2008.

Baggins, Frodo. Personal interview. 19 Sept. 2002.

Curry, Patrick. "Magic v. Enchantment." *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 14.3 (Oct. 99): 401-12.

Academic Search Premier. Web. 27 April 2009.

Hannon, Patrice. "The Lord of the Rings as Elegy." *Mythlore*. 24.2 (Summer-Fall 2004): 36. *Literature*

Resource Center. Web. 27 April 2009.

Leigh, Karen. "The Return of the King.(J.R.R. Tolkien, Children of Hurin)." *Time International (Europe*

Edition). 168. 15 (Oct 2, 2006): 57. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 8 July 2009.

McGregor, Robert Kuhn. "The Return of the King." *Masterplots*. Rev. 2nd ed. Salem, 1996.

MagillOnLiterature. Web. 27 April 2009.

Pearce, Joseph. *Tolkien: Man and Myth*. San Francisco: Ignatius, 1998. Print.

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