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The 7th edition of the *MLA Handbook* (2009) no longer recommends using specific URLs for Web publications and recommends including both issue and volume numbers for all journal articles. Another significant difference from the 6th edition is using italics instead of underlining for titles. Below are examples of citations for common types of resources. If a type of citation is not included here, please ask for the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th edition* at the Reference Desk or the Current Periodicals/Reserve Desk, or [contact us](#) by email, chat or phone from our website at <http://library.uncg.edu/depts/ref/askalib/>

Basically, the MLA form of citing sources lists in parentheses **within the content of the paper** the author's last name and the page number of the source used. Below is an example from a book by two authors, with a quotation from page 22.

“Reflection by the researcher at each stage of the research process can be considered beneficial to the ultimate outcomes of the research” (Hek and Moule 22).

Following the text of the paper is a list (Works Cited) of the sources referred to in the text. Below is a typical works cited entry.

Hek, Gil, and Pam Moule. *Making Sense of Research: An Introduction for Health and Social Care Practitioners*. 3rd ed. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2006. Print.

The **margins** of the paper should be one inch at the top and bottom and on either side. **Paragraphs** should be indented one-half inch and set off quotations should be indented one inch or ten spaces. Text of the paper should be double-spaced. **Entries in Works Cited should begin flush with the left margin. Second and subsequent lines in the entry should be indented one-half inch or five spaces. Double space between and within entries.**

Following are examples of commonly used sources as they would appear in Works Cited.

Books

Book by a Single Author:

Gibson, Mary Ellis. *Epic Reinvented: Ezra Pound and the Victorians*. Ithaca: Cornell UP, 1995. Print.

Book by Two or More Authors:

Rodman, Hyman, Susan H. Lewis, and Saralyn B. Griffith. *The Sexual Rights of Adolescents:*

Competence, Vulnerability, and Parental Control. New York: Columbia UP, 1984. Print.

Article or Essay in a Collection or Anthology:

Bracci, Sharon L. "The Fragile Hope of Seyla Benhabib's Interactive Universalism." *Moral Engagement in Public Life: Theorists for Contemporary Ethics*. Ed. Sharon L. Bracci and Clifford G. Christians. New York: P. Lang, 2002. 123-149. Print.

Encyclopedia Article (unsigned) from Familiar Encyclopedia:

"Flagellation." *The Encyclopedia Americana*. 1999 ed. Print.

Journals/Magazines/Newspapers

Print Journal Article:

Donaldson, Scott. "Protecting the Troops from Hemingway: An Episode in Censorship." *The Hemingway Review* 15.1 (1995): 87-93. Print.

Print Magazine article (If the article is unsigned, begin the entry with the title.)

Leland, John and Allison Samuels. "The New Generation Gap." *Newsweek* 17 Mar. 1997: 52+. Print.

Newspaper Article (If the newspaper is published in only one edition, omit the comma and edition information.):

Broad, William J. "The Comet's Gift: Hints of How Earth Came to Life." *New York Times* 1 Apr. 1997, late ed.: C1+. Print.

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Cristall, Ann Batten. Poetical Sketches. London: J. Johnson, 1795. The Electronic Text Center. Alderman Lib. University of Virginia. 7 July 2009.

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