Guide to MLA Citations (MLA 8th ed.)

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**Entire anthology or compilation:**


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General format: “Title of Episode.” Name of Series. Network name, Station call letters, City, Date of broadcast.


In-text citation: (”The Phantom of Corleone“)

Recorded television:

General format: “Title of Episode.” Name of Series or Collection, directed by Name, Distributor Name, Date of distribution.


In-text citation: (”The One Where Chandler Can’t Cry“)

Films or movies:

General format: Title. Directed by Name, Studio or Distributor, performances by Names, release year.

It’s a Wonderful Life. Directed by Frank Capra, performances by James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and Thomas Mitchell, Republic, 1946.

In-text citation: (It’s a Wonderful Life)
Interview that is broadcast or recorded:
Include as much information as you have.


In-text citation: (Updike)

Personal interview:
Include the name of the interviewee and the date you conducted the interview.

Nye, Bill. Personal interview. 16 Apr. 2009.

In-text citation: (Nye)

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Example using an E-Book


In-text citation: (Seton 30)

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In-text citation: (Betz 12)
Article from an academic journal:

**In-text citation:** (Conley 59)

Article from a newspaper:

**In-text citation:** (Rosenblum 01E)

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A page on a website:


**In-text citation:** (Stroke Health Center)

Article from a web page:

In-text citation: (Mozes)

Government Publications:


In-text citation: (News & Events: Bisphenal A (BPA))

Online Video or Film:

Shimabukuro, Jake. “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.” YouTube, uploaded by MusicLover23, 23 June 2009,

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Acf2wa8JpRo.

In-text citation: (Shimabukuro)

Online Visual Art (Photographs, etc.):

General Format: Artist's name, Title of artwork, date of creation, Institution and City where the work is housed. Title of Website, URL. Date of access.

Greenspun, Philip. Frozen Yogurt: 6th Avenue and 12th, 1995, Manhattan. Street Photography in New York City,


In-text citation: (Greenspun)

Blog Posting, Listserv, or Discussion:

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