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See also:

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009.

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Works Cited

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Greenwood, 1979. Print.

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Thurschwell, Pamela. "“That Imperial Stomach Is No Seat for Ladies’: Henry James, the First World War and the Politics of Identification.” *Modern Sexualities*. Ed.

Hugh Stevens. Manchester: Manchester UP, 2000. 167-83. Print.

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Spear, Karen. "Building Cognitive Skills in Basic Writers." *Teaching English in the*

Two Year College 9 (1983): 91-98. Print.

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McKay, Peter A. "Stocks Feel the Dollar's Weight." *Wall Street Journal* 4 Dec. 2006: C1+. Print.

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Helem, Lisa. "Child's Play? No Way!" *Newsweek* 19 July 2004: 9. Print.

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Schneller, Robert J., Jr. Rev. of *A History of the Confederate Navy*, by Raimondo Luraghi. *American Historical Review* 102 (Oct 1997): 1232. Print.

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Miller, Jeanne-Marie A. "Odets, Miller, and Communism." *CLA Journal* 29.4 (1976): 484-93. Rpt. in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*. Ed. Deborah Stanley. Vol. 98. Detroit: Gale, 1997. Print.

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The Golden Bowl. Dir. James Cellan Jones. Perf. Cyril Cusack, Barry Morse, Jill Townsend, Daniel Massey, and Kathleen Byron. Acorn Media, 1999. Film.

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Pei, I. M. Personal interview. 22 July 1993.

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Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. 79th Cong., 2nd sess. Washington:
GPO, 1946. Print.

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Authors or editors (if known). "Title of section (if using a section of a larger site)." *Title of overall site*. Version or edition (if known). Publisher or sponsor of site (if not available use "N.p."), Date of publication (if not available use "n.d."). Medium of publication (Web). Date of access.

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Landow, George, ed. *Contemporary Postcolonial and Postimperial Literature in English*. Brown University, 2002. Web. 25 June 2009.

Website with Print Publication Data Available

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Authors or editors (if known). "Title of chapter or section (if available)." *Title of publication*. Place of publication: Publisher, date. *Title of overall site*.

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Example:

Heim, Michael Henry, and Andrzej W. Tymowski. *Guidelines for the Translation of Social Science Texts*. New York: ACLS, 2006. *American Council of Learned Societies*. Web. 15 May 2008.

Web-Based Journal Article (appearing on the journal's own website)

Form:

Author. "Article title." *Journal Title* Volume.Issue, if available (Date): pagination (if not, use "n.pag."). Medium of publication (Web). Date of Access.

Example:

Nater, Miguel. "El beso de la Esfinge: La poética de lo sublime en *La amada inmóvil* de Amado Nervo y en los *Nocturnos* de José Asunción Silva." *Romanitas* 1.1 (2006): n. pag. Web. 5 June 2009.

Article from a Subscription Database:

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Example:

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Example:

Lindhahl, Frederick. "Activity-Based Costing Implementation and Adaptation."

Human Resource Planning 20.2 (June 1997): n. pag. *LexisNexis*

Academic. Web. 28 Feb. 2009.

In-Text Parenthetical Documentation

Parenthetical documentation, used in place of footnotes in the MLA style, typically includes the author's last name, if known, or the first keyword of the title of the work, followed by a page number, if known. Parenthetical references should be brief and few, just enough to for clarity and accuracy.

Examples:

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Annotated Bibliography

An annotated bibliography should include a summary of the work, and may also contain an evaluation and analysis. The annotation runs together with the citation, as follows:

Munro, Alice. *The Progress of Love*. New York: Penguin, 1995. A collection of short stories loosely connected by themes of love found and lost. Many of the stories are set in the author's native Canada, and contain glimpses of the landscape and weather typical of that land. Munro has won several

national and commonwealth awards for her writing; this book includes several of her best stories.