MLA Documenting Guide

In your ACCESS classes, you will use the MLA (Modern Language Association) format to cite your sources for material that you use. The new MLA 7th edition doesn't require the URL for internet sites; however, ACCESS teachers do require the information at the end of your source. Below, you will find a few of the most common sources you will be required to cite in many of your classes.

Alabama Virtual Library Databases (AVL)

- Author's name, if given: Last, First followed by a period.
- Name of article in quotation marks followed by a period OR title of book italicized.
- Name of periodical in italics, if applicable.
- Publication information followed by period (date, issue for periodicals, OR city: publisher, date for books)
- Database name in italics followed with a period.
- Company or Organization associated with database, if given, followed by a period (Ebsco, Gale)
- The word *Web* should precede your date of access and end with a period.
- Date of access (day month year) followed by a period.

Example:

O'Connor, David K. "The Seductions of Socrates." *First Things: A Monthly Journal of*

Religion and Public Life. June 2001:29 *InfoTrac OneFile*. Gale. Web. 30 April 2014.

"Two Approaches to Cloning." *New York Times* 19 Jan. 2002: 18. *Newspaper Source.*

EBSCO. Web. 30 April 2014.

Website

- Editor, author, or compiler's name, if given: Last, First followed by a period.
- Name of site in italics and version number if available.
- Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher) and the date of creation, if available.
- The word *Web* should precede your date of access and end with a period.

Example:

Chaucer, Geoffrey. "The Pardoner's Tale." *The Canterbury Tales*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1885.   Project Gutenberg. Web. 22 April 2014.

The Purdue OWL Family of Sites. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008. Web. 30 April 2014.

E-Books (The formats below are for downloadable books read on an ebook reader such as *Kindle, iPad,* or *Nook.*)

- Author's name, if given: Last, First followed by a period.
- Name of book in italics.
- Publication information followed by period (city: publisher, date for books)
- Electronic reader followed by ebook file or digital file.

Example:

Roth, Veronica. *Divergent*. New York: Harper Collins, 2011. *Kindle* ebook file.

ACCESS (Information from a lesson)

- Author's name, if given: Last, First followed by a period.
- Year of publication, if available. (n.d. means no date)
- Date of access (day month year) followed by a period.
- Title of the document and the main site's URL.

Example:

"The Pardoner's Tale." *ACCESS*, n.d. Web. 22 April 2014. < https://access.desire2learn.com/>