

Basic MLA Documentation

In-Paper Citations

A noted linguist explains that Monty Python humor often relied on “bizarre linguistic interactions” (Crystal 108).

In his discussion of Monty Python routines, Crystal notes that the group relished “breaking the normal rules” of language (107).

Basic Format for a Book with one Author

Single Author

Last name, First name. *Title of book*. Publisher, Year.

Twitchell, James B. *Living It Up: America's Love Affair with Luxury*. Simon, 2002.

Multiple Authors

Last name 1, First name 1, and First name 2 Last name 2. *Title of book*. Publisher, Publication date.

Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. *The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Allyn, 2000.

Note: For three or more authors, list the first author followed by a comma and *et al*.

Work in an Anthology

Author's last name, First name. “Title of selection or chapter.” *Title of book*, Edited by First name Last name, Publisher, Publication date, Selection's page numbers.

Komunyakaa, Yusef. “Facing It.” *The Seagull Reader*, edited by Joseph Kelly, Norton, 2000, pp. 126-27.

Article in a Journal

Last name, First name. “Article Title.” *Journal title*, Volume number, Issue number, year, Page number(s).

Gigante, Denise. “The Monster in the Rainbow: Keats and the Science of Life.” *PMLA*, vol. 117, no. 3, 2002, pp. 433-48.

Article from a Database

Last name, First name. “Article Title.” *Journal title*, Volume number, Issue number, year, Page number(s). *Database Name*, doi, URL.

Wallace, Maurice. “Richard Wright's Black Medusa.” *Journal of African American History* vol.24, no.3, 2003, pp. 71-79. *Expanded Academic ASAP*, doi:1191op91d922*

*Note: If no doi number, end with URL for the home page of the database.

Works from a Web site

Last name, First name. “Title of Work.” *Title of Website*. Publisher or sponsoring organization, date of publication. Location in page. Access Date.

Smith, Sandy. “Hands Off Public Broadcasting.” *Media Matters for America*, 2003, www.MediaLiteracy.org/publications/2003/Jun/. Accessed 28 Sept. 2003.*

*Note: If no date provided, end with *Accessed* and date.