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 - Number, (volume and issue)
 - Publisher,
 - Publication date,
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Examples of MLA Citations

Book, single author

Fischer, Claude S. *Made in America: A Social History of American Culture*. The

University of Chicago Press, 2010.

Book, two authors

Corey, Marianne Schneider, and Gerald Corey. *Becoming a Helper*. 6th ed., Brooks/Cole, 2011.

Book, three or more authors

Stewart, Jon, et al. *America (the Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction*. Warner Books,

2004.

Chapter or section from a book or anthology

Burton, Jonathan. "Young People Should Have Credit Cards." *Debt: Opposing Viewpoints*

Series, edited by Christina Fisanick, Greenhaven Press, 2010, pp. 61-64.

Article from a website

Perry, Juliet. "Brains Before Brawn: How the T.rex Became King." *Cnn.com*, 15 Mar. 2016,

cnn.com/2016/03/15/living/new-dinosaur-t-rex-big/.

Ebook from a database

Elkins, James. *Why Art Cannot Be Taught*. University of Illinois Press, 2015. *eBook*

Collection (EBSCOhost), <http://ezproxy.mcckc.edu:2057/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1091873&site=ehost-live>.

Scholarly Journal from a database

Jacobson, Lisa. "On the Frontiers of Public History: Kansas City, Here We Come." *The Public*

Historian, vol. 27, no. 4, 2005, pp. 83-85. *ProQuest Research Library*,

165.173.252.121:2048/login?url=http://ezproxy.mcckc.edu:2071/docview/222796878?accountid=2182.

Online Video with original content

Little, Kay. "Time Lapse - The Life Cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly." *YouTube*, 31 May 2012,

youtube.com/watch?v=63B1lnqPa8k.

Online Video with clips from a movie or tv show

"*Good Will Hunting* – Superphilosophy." *Youtube*, uploaded by APOYS, 28 Dec. 2009,

youtube.com/watch?v=TPOpk-4AqZQ.

Film (DVD, Blu-Ray, etc.)

Van Sant, Gus, director. *Good Will Hunting*. Miramax, 1997.

Original work of art

Caravaggio. *Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness*. 1604-1605, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City.

Work of art found on website

Van Gogh, Vincent. "Almond Blossom." *Vangoghmuseum.nl*, 1890,

vangoghmuseum.nl/en/collection/s0176V1962.

Interview

Martin, Diane. Personal interview, 3 Mar. 2016.