

## CITING ARTICLES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN PERIODICALS AS REFERENCED IN THE MLA HANDBOOK FOR WRITERS OF RESEARCH PAPERS <sup>1</sup>

### ARTICLES IN A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL WITH CONTINUOUS PAGINATION

Scholarly journals are usually published four times a year and contain articles from original research or interpretations of data and text.

The entry for an article from a scholarly journal, like that of a book, has 3 main divisions. Author's name. "Title of the article." Publication information.

The publication information will also contain the Title of the periodical, volume number, (date), and page(s) where the article is to be found.

The following example is for an article in a scholarly journal with continuous pagination.

#### EXAMPLE

Craner, Paul M. "New Tool for an Ancient Art: The Computer and Music." Computers and the Humanities 25 (1991): 303-13.

### ARTICLES IN A NEWSPAPER

To cite an article from a newspaper give the writers name, "title of the article", and the newspapers name as it appears on the masthead but omit any introductory article (Chicago Tribune, **not** *The Chicago Tribune*). Include the city of publication if it is a local paper. Nationally published newspapers (e.g., Wall Street Journal, USA Today), do not require a city of publication.

Next give the complete date – **day, month, and year**. Abbreviate all the names of months except May, June, and July.

Do not give the volume and issue number even if they are listed, **but do** list the edition (e.g., early ed, late ed, final ed). Follow with a colon and list the page number(s) of the article preceded by the section number (e.g., A1, B5, etc.). **This is important because different editions of newspapers sometimes contain different articles and sections.**

#### EXAMPLES

Goldberg, Vicki. "Photographing a Mexico Where Silence Reigned." New York Times 23 Mar. 1997, late ed., sec. 2: 39+

Manning, Anita. "Curriculum Battles from Left and Right." USA Today 2 Mar. 1994: 5D.

### **ARTICLES IN A MAGAZINE**

To cite an article from a weekly or bi-weekly magazine give the complete date (e.g., day, month, year) and abbreviate the months as described in ARTICLES IN A NEWSPAPER. If the magazine is published monthly or every two months then cite only the month (abbreviated as previously described).

If the article is not on consecutive pages write only the first page number followed by a plus sign.

Do not cite the volume and issue numbers even if they are shown.

### **EXAMPLES**

Mehta, Pratap Bhanu. "Exploding Myths." New Republic 6 June 1998: 17-19.

Murphy, Cullen. "Women and the Bible." Atlantic Monthly Aug. 1993: 39-64.

### **Notes**

1. Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. New York: The Modern Language Association of America. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 1999.