

Guidelines for Citing World Wide Web and Other Electronic Sources per *MLA Handbook* (7th Edition)

According to section 5.6.1, “in the past, this handbook recommended including URLs of Web sources.” URLs later proved to have limited value, as websites and their addresses change frequently. Now, the handbook, 7th edition, offers ways to cite works that are accessed from the Web, as follows.

A wide range of sources may be accessed from the web, such as books, academic journals, dissertations, and recordings and each has specific variances. The *MLA Handbook* offers specific guidelines for each. Below is a general guideline.

According to section 5.6.2, when citing a source found on the Web, include the following, if available:

1. Name of author, compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer, or translator of the work (last, first).
2. Title of the work.
3. If you are citing a printed book linked to the web, include place published, publisher, and date.
4. Title of the website.
5. Version or edition used.
6. Publisher or sponsor of the site.
7. Date of publication (day, month, year, if available; if not available, use “n.d.” for no date)
8. Medium of publication (Web)
9. Date of access (day, month, year)

Example (includes most but not all items listed above):

Ovid. *Metamorphoses*. Trans. Arthur Golding. London, 1567. *The Perseus Digital Library*. Ed. Gregory Crane. Tufts U. Web. 12 Mar. 2007.