



## MLA Works Cited for Websites: Website Articles and Social Media Postings

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### A Note about Authors

Use this guide to determine how many authors' names to list in your Works Cited entries.

Number of Authors	Works Cited Entry Beginning
No Named Author	<i>Title of Website</i> Or "Article Title." >>> Alphabetize by the first major word of the title not counting A, An, and The.
Website Article with One Author	Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial.
Website Article with Two Authors	Author's Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial., and First Name Middle Initial. Last Name of second author.
Website Article with Three or More Authors	Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial., et al. >>> et al. = and others
Website Article with Group Author	Name of Group Author.

### Italicizing a Title versus "Enclosing a Title in Quotation Marks"

If your source is a smaller work out of a larger work (a specific article from a website or a specific social media comment), enclose the information in "quotation marks." If your source is the entire work (the website or social media platform itself), *italicize the information.*

### A Note about Dates

Website materials have a unique requirement when it comes to dates. If your source has a published date (look for the words such as last revised, last updated, modified, created), you include that date as noted in this handout. Dates are usually found at the very top or the very bottom of the website page.

**Note:** A copyright date © is not the same as a published date. A copyright date © is a legal term, not an indicator of when the material was written or updated. If you only have a copyright © date, use the Accessed: date style described in the next paragraph.

However, if your source doesn't have a published date OR if the date is the exact same date you found the article, type Accessed: date after the URL.

### A Note about Web Addresses

You do not need to include the https:// part of a web address. Just begin with www. . .

Website Article with One Author
Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. "Article Title." <i>Name of Website</i> , date of publication, URL.
<b>With date of publication:</b> Rothman, Joshua L. "The Nostalgic Science Fiction of The X-Files." <i>The New Yorker</i> , 23 Jan. 2017, www.newyorker.com/culturescience-of-the-x-files.
<b>Without date of publication:</b> Rothman, Joshua L. "The Nostalgic Science Fiction of The X-Files." <i>The New Yorker</i> , www.newyorker.com/culture/science-fiction-of-the-x-files. Accessed 5 Aug. 2017.

### Website Article with Two Authors

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial., and Author's First Name Middle Initial. Last Name of second author. "Article Title." *Name of Website*, date of publication, URL.

#### With date of publication:

Yang, John L., and Claire R. Mufson. "College Students' Stress Levels Are Bubbling Over: Here's Why and How Schools Can Help." *PBS New Hour*, 10 Aug. 2021, [www.pbs.org/newshour/show/college-students-stress-levels-are-bubbling-over-heres-why-and-how-schools-can-help](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/college-students-stress-levels-are-bubbling-over-heres-why-and-how-schools-can-help).

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### Website Article with Three or More Authors

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial., et al. "Article Title." *Name of Website*, date of publication, URL. **Note: "et al." is Latin for "and others."**

#### With date of publication:

Dickson, Richard F., et al. "Releasing Stress through the Power of Music." *University of Nevada, Reno*, 22 Jan. 2019, [www.unr.edu/counseling/virtual-relaxation-room/releasing-stress-through-the-power-of-music](http://www.unr.edu/counseling/virtual-relaxation-room/releasing-stress-through-the-power-of-music).

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Dickson, Richard F., et al. "Releasing Stress through the Power of Music." *University of Nevada, Reno*, [www.unr.edu/counseling/virtual-relaxation-room/releasing-stress-through-the-power-of-music](http://www.unr.edu/counseling/virtual-relaxation-room/releasing-stress-through-the-power-of-music). Accessed: 10 Aug. 2021.

### Website Article with Group Author (Government Agency, School, Business, or Association)

Name of Organization. "Article Title." *Name of Website*, date of publication, URL.

#### With date of publication:

U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. "Accountants and Auditors." *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 18 Apr. 2022, [www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/accountants-and-auditors.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/accountants-and-auditors.htm).

#### Without date of publication:

U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. "Accountants and Auditors." *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, [www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/accountants-and-auditors.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/accountants-and-auditors.htm). Accessed: 19 Oct. 2018.

### Entire Website

*Name of Website*, date of publication, URL.

#### With date of publication:

*American Kennel Club*, 15 May 2021, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

#### Without date of publication:

*American Kennel Club*, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). Accessed: 10 Aug. 2021.

## Social Media Posting

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. [username]. "Entire Comment." *Name of Social Media Platform*, date of posting, URL.

OR

Author's Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. [username]. Description of Posting. *Name of Social Media Platform*, date of posting, URL.

### Twitter:

Heart, Stacy L. [@sweetheart77]. "Back when I was 16, I was worried about homework, boys, and prom, not about taking a bullet to the head in my geometry class." *Twitter*, 16 May 2022, [twitter.com/sweetheart/status/234823u40239u423](https://twitter.com/sweetheart/status/234823u40239u423).

### TikTok:

Magpie [@mags33]. "I refuse to eat a Tide Pod; I don't care what TikTok says." *TikTok*, 7 Nov. 2021, [www.tiktok.com/@mags33/video/80423234234](https://www.tiktok.com/@mags33/video/80423234234).

### Pinterest:

Graham, Betty. *Busy Bumblebees at Work* photograph by Elizabeth Mercury. *Pinterest*, 18 Feb. 2019, [www.pinterest.com/pin/232342342342342](https://www.pinterest.com/pin/232342342342342).

### Facebook:

Gulick, Angela M. "Today, I was doing some much-needed journaling and self-reflection, and I came to the conclusion that I can be something of a handful." *Facebook*, 6 June 2022, [www.facebook.com/angela.gulick/posts/10227084758894564](https://www.facebook.com/angela.gulick/posts/10227084758894564).

### Blog:

Gulick, Angela M. "Litterbugs." *Angela's Cartoon Bubbles*, 6 Oct. 2010, [www.blogger.com/gulick/litterbugs](https://www.blogger.com/gulick/litterbugs).

### Comment Section or a Discussion List:

Jinglebell16. Comment on "Why the Gilmore Girls Are Poor Role Models." *Reddit*, 14 Dec. 2019, 8:04 p.m., [www.reddit.com](https://www.reddit.com/r/GilmoreGirls/comments/jinglebell16). [www.reddit.com/r/GilmoreGirls/comments/jinglebell16](https://www.reddit.com/r/GilmoreGirls/comments/jinglebell16).