

*Penn Alexander Instructional Media Center  
MLA Bibliographic Style Sheet*



When collecting bibliographic data from your source, look for the following:

- Author
- Title of Book, Magazine, Data Base or Web Site
- Title of Article
- Place of Publication
- Publisher
- Copyright Date
- Volume
- Page Numbers Referenced

Following are examples of MLA format for the type of sources you will most likely choose. Each type is based on information about clouds. **All lines after the first one of each bibliographic citation must be indented five spaces.** If your source type is not listed, please ask the School Library Media Specialist for help.

***Books***

**Author Last Name, Author First Name. Title, City: Publisher, Copyright date.**

Oxlade, Cris. Weather. Austin: Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 1999.

**Title, City: Publisher, Copyright date.**

Planet Earth. Alexandria: Time-Life Books, 1997.

***Encyclopedia Article***

**Author Last Name, Author First Name. "Article Title," Encyclopedia. City: Publisher, Copyright date.**

LeMone, Margaret A. "Clouds" The World Book Encyclopedia. 22 vols. Chicago: World Book Inc., 2001.

**"Article Title." Encyclopedia. City: Publisher, Copyright date.**

"Cloud." Compton's by Encyclopaedia Britannica. 26 vols. Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2005.

***Journal/Magazine Article:***

**Author Last Name, Author First Name. "Article Title." Magazine Title. Date: beginning page number – ending page number.**

Berman, Bob. "Muggy Marvels." Astronomy, Jul 2001: p 88 - 91.

**"Article Title." Magazine Title. Date: beginning page number – ending page number.**

"Clouds." Click: Opening Windows for Young Minds Apr. 2005: 26-27.

### ***Online Database:***

**Author Last Name, Author First Name. "Title." Periodical. Date: page number.  
Database, Date Accessed.**

Lang, Nancy J. "Grow Clouds in a Bottle." Scientific American Explorations Spring 2001: 8.  
Middle Search Plus. EBSCOhost. Penn Alexander Library, Philadelphia. 9 Nov. 2005  
<<http://search.epnet.com>>.

### ***Video Recording:***

**Title. Director. Performer. Format (Videocassette, DVD, Video CD). Distributor, Date.**

Clouds. Dir. Gail Pensky. Perf. Spencer Christian. Videocassette. Schlessinger Media,  
1998.

(dir. = director : Perf. = performer)

### ***Web Site:***

**Web Site Title. Organization. Date created (if available). Date accessed. URL**

"How are Clouds named and who named them?" Western Region Headquarters. National  
Weather Service. 9 Nov. 2005 <<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/fgz/science/clouds.php>>.

Hall, Steven E. "Clouds and Precipitation." WW2010: the weather world project. 9 July 1997.  
Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences, University of Illinois. 10 Nov. 2005  
<[http://ww2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/\(Gh\)/guides/mtr/cld/home.rxml](http://ww2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/(Gh)/guides/mtr/cld/home.rxml)>.

### ***Interview:***

**Person interviewed (Last Name, First Name). Type of interview. Date.**

Sydnor, Sheila A. Personal interview. 19 Oct. 2005.