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EBOOK

Last Name of Author, First Name. *Title*. E-book ed., Publisher, year.

MLA Handbook. 9th ed., e-book ed., Modern Language Association of America, 2021.

From a website:

Author's Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. Edition if given, Publisher Name, Year of publication, Website Name, URL. Accessed Access Date.

Henty, George Alfred. *The Cat of Bubastes: A Tale of Ancient Egypt*. Blackie and Son, 1889. HathiTrust Digital Library, <https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/29756/pg29756-images.html>. Accessed 16 November 2021.

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Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Page or Document." *Title of Website*, Name of Organization Affiliated with the Website, Date of copyright or date last modified/updated, URL.

Poncelet, Barbara. "Mom Am I Fat?: Helping Your Teen Have a Positive Body Image." *Verywell.com*, About Inc., 20 Apr. 2016, www.verywell.com/mom-am-i-fat-3200843.

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Orton, Tyler, and Patrick Blennerhassett. "Lessons From the Brexit." *BIV Podcast*, Episode 18, Business Vancouver, 28 June 2016, www.biv.com/article/2016/6/biv-podcast-episode-18-lessons-brexit/. Accessed 2 July 2016

Blog post

Author's Last Name, First Name or Username if real name not provided. "Title of Blog Post." *Name of Blog*, Blog Network/Publisher if given, Day Month Year of blog post, URL of blog post.

Naish, Darren. "If Bigfoot Were Real." *Tetrapod Zoology*, Scientific American Blogs, 27 June 2016, blogs.scientificamerican.com/tetrapod-zoology/if-bigfoot-were-real/.

Twitter

Twitter Handle (First Name Last Name if Known). "The entire tweet word-for-word." *Twitter*, Day Month Year of Tweet, Time of Tweet, URL.

Sohaib Athar [@ReallyVirtual]. "Helicopter hovering above Abbottad at 1AM is a rare event." *Twitter*, 4 Jan. 2013, 3:58 p.m. twitter.com/reallyvirtual/status/64780730286358528?lang=en.

VIDEO

Streaming video

Last Name, First Name of video creator or Username of Creator. "Title of Video."
Title of the Hosting Website, Day Month Year of Publication, URL of video.

Sethi, Ramit. "How to Write a Winning Resume, With Ramit Sethi." *YouTube*, 23
June 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfjkkCsM1w.

DVD

Title of Movie. Director's Name. Performers Names. Production Company, Year of
Release.

The Usual Suspects. Directed by Bryan Singer. Performances by Kevin Spacey,
Gabriel Byrne, Chazz Palminteri, Stephen Baldwin, and Benicio Del Toro.
Polygram, 1995.

Television Episode

"Title of Episode." *Title of TV Series*. Contributors Name(s), Season, Episode,
Production Company, Year of Release.

"The One Where Chandler Can't Cry." *Friends*, created by Marta Kauffman,
performance by Matthew Perry, season 6, episode 14, Warner Brothers,
2004.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

From a website

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article: Subtitle if Any." *Name of New Publication*, Date of Publication, URL.

Litz, Sarah. "All the Fires: What You Need to Know on Size, Containment." *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 12 July 2017, www.rgj.com/story/news/2017/07/12/farad-fire-updates-size-containment-hills-burn-west-verdi/471293001/.

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