

## Writing a Bibliography Page

Part of your Science or Social Studies Fair project probably involved researching sources for information. If so, you must now write a bibliography. A **Bibliography** is a listing of all the sources you consulted. Each listing must include special details that will tell your reader (or judge) about the source. For this project, your bibliography must be written in MLA format, 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Here are sample bibliography entries for common types of sources you may have used. Notice the punctuation marks, italics, quotation marks, etc.

### For a Book Source:

**Smith, Charles.** *The Power of a Hurricane.* Boston: Harper Publishing, 2005. Print.

Author

Book title in italics

Publishing place

Publishing company

Publishing date

Medium (This means the type of source.)

### For a Magazine Article Source:

**Jones, Edgar A.** "The Day the Earth Stood Still." *Newsweek* 25.2 (Jan. 2009): 31-35. Print.

Author

Article title in quotation marks

Magazine title in italics

Volume and issue

Date of magazine

Pages of article

Medium

### For an Article in an Online Database:

**Monroe, Jane, and John Walker.** "Katrina." *Southern Life* 22.7 (Sept. 2007): 45-46.  
*Academic Search Complete.* Web. 25 Nov. 2011.

Authors (Notice how to write two authors.)

Article title in quotation marks

Magazine title in italics

Volume and issue

Date of magazine

Pages of article

Database name in italics

Medium

Access date (date you found the article online)

**For a Web Site:**

*The Complete Site of Storms*. National Weather Co. 2011. Web. 30 Nov. 2011.

If there is an author, include this first. If no author, skip it.

Name of Web site in italics

Organization that put the site together (if there is one)

Last update of site (Check at the bottom of the home page.)

Medium

Access date (the date you found this on the Internet)

(Note: No URL is required in MLA 7<sup>th</sup> edition.)

**For an Interview:**

Zagar, Margaret Ann. Personal interview. 22 Nov. 2011.

Name of person you interviewed

Medium

Date of interview

The above samples may not cover all the types of sources you used, but you can find more examples in the *MLA Handbook 7<sup>th</sup> Edition* or on a good Web site such as Purdue University's Online Writing Lab-- <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/> .

Now, put all the sources together on one page. Be sure to put the entries in alphabetical order (ignore articles) and use hanging indent. Type your bibliography and all your report in Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, double-spaced, and with 1" margins.

Bibliography

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