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- ▶ Double-space your works cited and use a legible font (e.g. Times New Roman). The font size should be 12 pt.
- ▶ Citations are listed alphabetically

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- ▶ The title of the book must be placed in *italics*. If there is a subtitle to the book , place a colon between the title and subtitle:

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- ▶ Requires the edition used and the number of volumes used.
- ▶ City of publication, name of publisher and the year
- ▶ Include the medium at the end of the citation (print/web)
- ▶ **Johnson, Roberta. *Salt: A World History*.
New York: Walker, 2002. print**

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Periodicals

- ▶ All print media (magazines, newspapers..)
- ▶ Authors name, “title of the article” (in quotations)
- ▶ *Name of periodical* in italics
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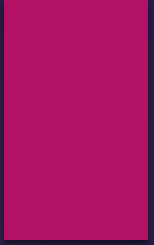
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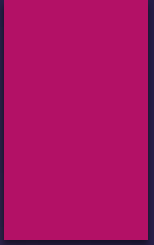
- ▶ Magazine
- ▶ Poniewozik, James. "TV Makes a Too-Close Call." *Time* 20 Nov. 2000:70-71. Print
- ▶ Newspaper
- ▶ Krugman, Andrew. "Fear of Eating." *New York Times* 21 May 2007 A1. Print

Internet

-(site that stands as an independent work.)

- ▶ Authors last name, first name.
- ▶ *Title of the work* (in italics)
- ▶ Title of the overall website (if different from the title of the work)
- ▶ Name of publisher or sponsor
- ▶ Date of publication or last updated
- ▶ Medium
- ▶ Date of access
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- ▶ URL** provide web address (URL) only if teacher requests it or if the reader will not be able to find the web page without it. It would be placed after the period following the date of access. Be sure to put < > around the URL and end the
 - ▶ citation with a period.

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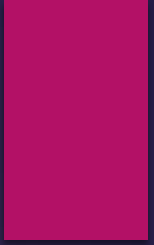
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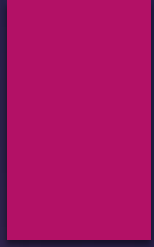
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- ▶ For instructors or editors who still require the use of URLs, MLA suggests that the URL appear in angle brackets after the date of access. Break URLs only after slashes.

 - ▶ **Aristotle. *Poetics*. Trans. S. H. Butcher. *The Internet Classics Archive*. Web Atomic and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 13 Sept. 2007. Web. 4 Nov. 2008. <<http://classics.mit.edu/>>.**

Example

- ▶ Foley, Ann. *Romantic Poetry in Canada*. The Poet's Corner. The Canadian Poetry Guild, 2010. Web 1 April 2010.
www.romanticpoetryincanda.ca



Felluga, Dino. *Guide to
Literary and Critical
Theory*. Purdue U, 28 Nov.
2003. Web. 10 May 2006.

