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**Pattern:** Author's last name, first name. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher, year of publication.

**Example:** Viscomi, Joseph. Blake and the Idea of the Book. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1993.

### For a Chapter or Essay in an Edited Collection

**Pattern:** Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Title of Collection. Ed. Editor's name(s). Place of publication: Publisher, year of publication. Pages.

**Example:** Dickerson, Vanessa. "The Naked Father in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*." Refiguring the Father: New Feminist Readings of Patriarchy. Ed. Patricia Yaeger and Beth Kowaleski-Wallace. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois UP, 1989. 108-27.

### For a Journal Article

**Pattern:** Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume (Year): pages.

**Example:** Westerholm, John. "In Defense of Verses: The Aesthetic Reputation Of Christina Rossetti's Late Poetry." Renascence 51 (1999): 191-203.

### **For a Journal Article Obtained Online**

**Pattern:** Author's last name, first name. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume (Year): pages. Database name. Date accessed. <URL (address) of main page of service (if known)>.

**Example:** Marcus, Joel. "Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice: A Theological Reflection." Theology Today 46 (1989): 288-98. ProQuest General Reference. 28 Aug. 2002. <<http://www.umi.com/pqdauto>>.

### **For a Website**

Omit information which cannot be determined.

Pattern: Title of web site. Name of author/editor. Date of latest update. Name of sponsoring institution. Date accessed. <URL (address) of source>.

Example: Renaissance Dante in Print (1472-1629). Theodore J. Cachy, Louis E. Jordan, and Christain Y. Dupont. William and Katherine Devers Program, U of Notre Dame, ARTLF Project, U of Chicago, and the Newberry Library. 29 Aug. 2002. <<http://www.nd.edu/~italnet/Dante/>> .

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[Additional examples](http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/cite5.html) of citing electronic resources using MLA can be found at the online version of Andrew Narnack and Eugene Kleppinger's book **Online! A Reference Guide to Using Internet Sources**, 2000 edition. (TK 5105.875 I57 H364 2000 Reference Table 12) <<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/cite5.html>>.

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