In-Text Citations for Print Sources with Known Author

For Print sources like books, magazines, scholarly journal articles, and newspapers, provide a signal word or phrase (usually the author's last name if it is provided) and a page number. If you provide the signal word/phrase in the sentence, you do not need to include it in the parenthetical citation.

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

These examples must correspond to an entry that begins with Wordsworth, which will be the first thing that appears on the left-hand margin of an entry in the Works Cited:

Wordsworth, William. *Lyrical Ballads*. London: Oxford U.P., 1967. Print.

In-Text Citations for Print Sources with No Known Author

When a source has no known author, use a shortened title of the work instead of an author name. Place the title in quotation marks if it's a short work (e.g. articles) or italicize it if it's a longer work (e.g. plays, books, television shows, entire websites) and provide a page number.

We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change . . ." ("Impact of Global Warming" 6).

The Works Cited entry appears as follows:

"The Impact of Global Warming in North America." *GLOBAL WARMING: Early Signs*. 1999. Web. 23 Mar. 2009.

Citing Non-Print or Sources from the Internet

MLA no longer requires the use of URLs in MLA citations. Because Web addresses often change and because documents sometimes appear in multiple places on the Web, MLA explains that most readers can find electronic sources via title or author searches in Internet Search Engines.

Basic Style for Citations of Electronic Sources (Including Online Databases)

Here are some common features you should try and find before citing electronic sources in MLA style. Not every Web page will provide all of the following information. However, collect as much of the following information as possible both for your citations and for your research notes:

> Author and/or editor names (if available)
> Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
> Title of the Website, project, or book in italics. (Remember that some Print publications have Web publications with slightly different names. They may, for example, include the additional information or otherwise modified information, like domain names [e.g. .com or .net].)
> Any version numbers available, including revisions, posting dates, volumes, or issue numbers.
> Publisher information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
> Take note of any page numbers (if available).
> Medium of publication.
> Date you accessed the material.
> URL (if required, or for your own personal reference; MLA does not require a URL).

Citing an Entire Web Site

It is necessary to list your date of access because web postings are often updated, and information available on one date may no longer be available later.

Remember to use *n.p.* if no publisher name is available and *n.d.* if no publishing date is given.

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site*. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

The Purdue OWL Family of Sites. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008. Web. 23 Apr. 2008.

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

The in-text citations would be (Purdue OWL) and (Felluga).

A Page on a Web Site

For an individual page on a Web site, list the author or alias if known, followed by the information covered above for entire Web sites. Remember to use *n.p.* if no publisher name is available and *n.d.* if no publishing date is given.

"How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow*. Demand Media, n.d. Web. 24 Feb. 2009.

The in-text citation would be (How to Make Vegetarian Chili).

For the In-text citation, include the first item that appears in the Works Cited entry that corresponds to the citation (e.g. author name, article name, website name, film name).

You do not need to give paragraph numbers or page numbers based on your Web browser's print preview function.

A sample Works Cited page is available at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/12/

You will see it is in alphabetical order and uses a hanging indent format.