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- **IN-TEXT CITATIONS:** When quoting a source, give the author's last name and the page number for the quote in parenthesis after the quote. *Ex. Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).* Use only the page number in parenthesis if the author's name is included in a signal phrase. *Ex. Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).* When paraphrasing, in-text citations must also be used.
- For more details about the MLA 9<sup>th</sup> edition, refer to the book in the Reference Section at call number Ready Ref LB2369.M52 2021.

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ARTICLE FROM NEWSPAPER – FROM ONLINE DATABASE	Author Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." <i>Title of Newspaper</i> , Date Month Year of publication, section, page numbers. <i>Database Title</i> , DOI or URL. Date Month Year of access.	Schmemmann, Serge. "The Information War in Ukraine Is Far From Over." <i>New York Times</i> , 6 May 2022, p. A26(L). <i>Gale OneFile: News</i> , link.gale.com/apps/doc/A702621489/STND?u=merrittcoll&sid=bookmark-STND&xid=08d93c6c. Accessed 18 May 2022.
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BOOK OF ESSAYS - WITH EDITOR	Editor Last Name, First Name, editor. <i>Book Title</i> . Publisher, year of publication. Series name if given.	Merino, Noël, editor. <i>Death Penalty</i> . Greenhaven, 2015. Current Controversies.
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PERSONAL INTERVIEW	Last Name, First Name of person interviewed. Kind of interview (personal, telephone, email, videoconference). Date Month Year of interview.	Flum, Judith. Telephone Interview. 7 Sept. 2016.
PODCAST EPISODE	Narrator Last Name, First Name, narrator or host. "Title of Episode." <i>Podcast Title</i> , season number, episode number, episode published date or copyright date, URL.	Gladwell, Malcolm, narrator. "The Lady Vanishes." <i>Revisionist History</i> , season 1, episode 1, Slate Group, 2016, revisionisthistory.com/seasons?selected=season-1.
SONG	Artist Last Name, First Name. "Song Title." <i>Album Title</i> , Recording Publisher, Year Published. <i>Streaming Service</i> , URL.	Morris, Rae. "Skin." <i>Cold</i> , Atlantic Records, 2014. <i>Spotify</i> , open.spotify.com/track/0OPES3Tw5r86O6fudK8gxi.
VIDEO RECORDING - FROM ONLINE DATABASE	Director's Last Name, First Name (if given), director. <i>Video Title</i> . Studio or Distribution Group Name, year of release. <i>Database Title</i> , URL. Date Month Year of access.	Gaviria, Marcela, director. <i>Chasing Heroin</i> . PBS, 2016. <i>Films on Demand</i> , 0-fod.infobase.com.library.4cd.edu/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=19009&xtid=42052. Accessed 13 Sept. 2016.
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