

## How to Cite Reference Materials in MLA (7<sup>th</sup> ed.)

(Sometimes the **Cart** goes before the **Horse**: An approach to citing resources)

**Explanation:** Reference books are typically cited by individual **items (articles)** within the books. When searching PBCC databases for reference sources, each **article** is listed separately in a **Result List**.

**Note: 12 point type required. For space considerations, we use 11 point in examples below.**

Instructions for citing reference resources:

1. Begin by creating the **Works Cited** list. This list consists of all sources **paraphrased** and **quoted** in a research paper and should be arranged in **alphabetical order**.

### Sample Works Cited

**1 Author**

Baers, Michael. "Houdini, Harry (1874-1926)." *St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture*. Ed. Sara Pendergast and Tom Pendergast. Vol. 2. Detroit: St. James, 2000. 456-458. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 23 July 2009.

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Authors**

Bondi, Victor and Peter C. Holloran. "Lifestyles and Social Trends." *American Decades: 1970-1979*. Ed. Victor Bondi. Detroit: Manly-Gale Research, 1995. 319-358. Print.

**1 Author**

Kitson, Michael "English Art as Objects of Patronage and Collecting" *The Oxford Companion to Western Art*. Ed. Hugh Brigstocke. Oxford University Press, 2001. *Oxford Reference Online*. Web. 23 July 2009.

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Koslow, Philip J. "Jackson, Michael." *The Biographical Dictionary of African Americans*. Eds. Rachel C. Kranz and Philip J. Koslow. New York: Facts On File, Inc., 2009. *American History Online*. Web. 23 July 2009.

**PBCC databases**

**No Author(s)**

"Lake Worth, Florida." *Google Maps*. Google. 28 July 2009. Web. 28 July 2009.

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"Recreational Life (17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries)." *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life: A Tour Through History from Ancient Times to the Present*. Ed. Joyce E. Salisbury and Peter Seelig. Vol. 4. Westport: Greenwood, 2004. 417-61. Print.

