

eLibrary® Citation Generator Guide

The **citation generator tool** in our [eLibrary](#) family of online reference tools makes it easy for researchers to create citations for research notes, bibliographies, or Work Cited documents.

The tool provides point-and-click Web forms for building citations that conform to the MLA style. These forms can be edited to refine the formatting of the bibliographic metadata received from publishers, so that your citations can meet any need.

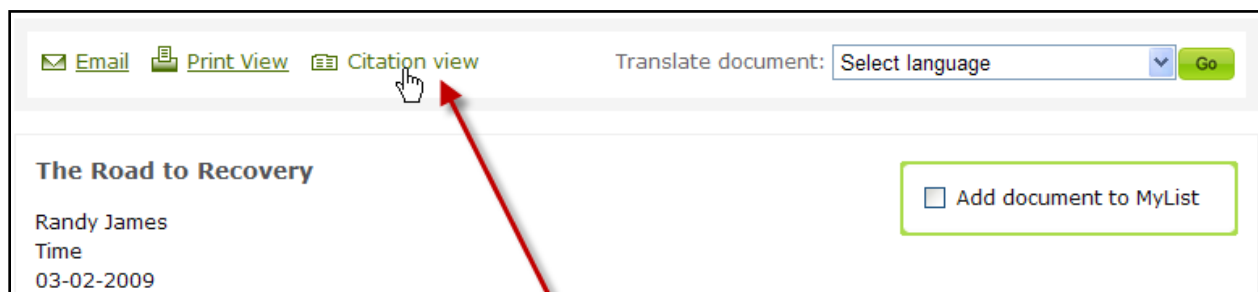
Each web form is specific to the particular resource type of the document to be cited -- 14 distinct citation forms in all. Examples to the side of each citation form guide the user to adjust the entry to conform to MLA style.

Users can now easily cite online resources for the following resource types:

- Newspaper article
- Magazine article
- Scholarly journal article
- Encyclopedia or dictionary entry
- Single-author book (series)
- Literary work or essay from an anthology
- Radio or television transcript
- Government document
- Map or chart
- Photograph
- Fine art image
- Video clip or animated graphic
- Sound recording

Generating a Citation

A citation is generated from within an opened eLibrary resource. Click the *Citation view* link that appears in the document information bar.



This opens a page that contains both the citation generated for this newspaper article as well as a Web form with most fields auto-populated by the publisher.

Chapter and section identifiers for the citation type as it appears in the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (6th ed.) appear in the gray Edit Citation bar, along with the MLA chapter and section identifiers for citing resources from subscription databases (MLA 5.9.7).

Any questions about using the MLA style for citations can quickly and easily be answered by a referring to the *MLA Handbook*.

The screenshot shows the eLibrary website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for "ProQuest Account", "My eLibrary", "Help", "Contact us", and "Exit". Below this is the "eLibrary" logo and a menu with "Search", "Topics", "Publications", "Reference", "My List", "Bookcarts", "Timelines", and "Quizzes". The "Search" tab is active. Underneath, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Popular Searches".

The main content area is titled "Citation View" and includes a "Back to document view" link. Below this is a section for "Citation information:" with the instruction "You can copy and paste this information into your own documents." A text box contains the following citation: "MLA James, Randy. 'The Road to Recovery.' *Time*. 02 Mar 2009. eLibrary. ProQuest LLC. Bigchalk Employee School. 03 Mar 2009. <http://eLibrary.bigchalk.com>."

Below the citation is a red link: "You may need the following: pages".

The next section is "Edit citation: Magazine Article - MLA 5.7.6 and 5.9.7" with the instruction "To change the above citation you can edit each field individually and then click on the update citation button." This section contains a form with the following fields:

- author: James, Randy (e.g. Gibbs, Nancy)
- title: The Road to Recovery (e.g. Stem Cells: The Hope And The Hype)
- magazine: Time (e.g. Time)
- date: 02 Mar 2009 (e.g. 07 August 2006)
- pages: (e.g. 40-)
- school: Bigchalk Employee School

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Update Citation" and "Restore Default".

A prompt for more information **appears in red** when any field is blank.

In many cases, the place of publication is not automatically included. This generally isn't needed for most newspaper articles (the city name is in the title of most newspapers).

The edition or page number information, however, might found by returning to the document to see whether additional data is available at the top or bottom of the resource in Document View.

If the information is found, click on the citation icon again and edit the appropriate field. You may also need to change the name of your school.

The screenshot shows a citation form with the following fields and values:

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| author | James, Randy e.g. Gibbs, Nancy |
| title | The Road to Recovery e.g. Stem Cells: The Hope And The Hype |
| magazine | Time e.g. Time |
| date | 02 Mar 2009 e.g. 07 August 2006 |
| pages | 4 e.g. 40- |
| school | Exeter Township High School |

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Update Citation" (highlighted in green with a hand cursor) and "Restore Default". Red arrows point from the "pages" and "school" fields to the "Update Citation" button.

Note that the correct formatting is shown in the examples below each field.

Once the citation form is edited, click the *Update Citation* button.

Copy and paste the citation text into your research notes or a Works Cited document.

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A James, Randy. "The Road to Recovery." Time. 02 Mar 2009. 4. eLibrary. ProQuest LLC. Exeter Township High School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Our eLibrary citation generator has 14 distinct citation forms. In addition to the examples above, below you'll find citation forms for each of the following document types:

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Magazine article

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A Anthony Spaeth/Hong Kong With reporting by Chaim Estulin/Hong Kong. "Who's in Charge of Hong Kong? To the dismay of democracy advocates, China is tightening its control over the territory." Time International. 12 Apr 2004. 24. eLibrary. ProQuest LLC. Ann Arbor High School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Scholarly journal article

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A Sanders, Eli. "Anatomy of a Netroots Failure." American Prospect. 12. 2 (2009): 23. eLibrary. ProQuest LLC. Exeter Township Junior High School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Encyclopedia or dictionary entry

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A Great Depression. Britannica Elementary Encyclopedia. Encyclopedia Britannica. 2008. eLibrary. ProQuest LLC. Antietam High School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Radio or television transcript

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Hillary Rodham Clinton. "COUNTDOWN for February 26, 2009." Keith Olbermann, Howard Fineman. [Countdown](#). MSNBC. 26 Feb 2009. Transcript. [eLibrary](#). ProQuest LLC. Daniel Boone Junior High School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Map or chart

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"UNITED STATES, Average July Temperature." Map. GeoNova Publishing. 2008. [eLibrary](#). ProQuest LLC. Crawford High School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Photograph

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"Family Mourns During Soliders Funeral." Joe Mitchell. 10 Feb 2009. Getty Images. [eLibrary](#). ProQuest LLC. Cary High School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

Video clip or animated graphic

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"Preparing for Obama's Inauguration." [Agence France Presse Animations](#). Agence France Presse. 15 Jan 2009. Video Clip. [eLibrary](#). ProQuest LLC. Fort Lauderdale Middle School. 03 Mar 2009. <<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com>>.

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