

LeafBrowser Academic Cheat Sheet

APA 7th Edition vs. MLA 9th Edition — Quick Reference Guide

1. In-Text Citation Formats at a Glance

Author Scenario	APA 7th Edition (Author-Date)	MLA 9th Edition (Author-Page)
One Author	Paranthetical: (Smith, 2024) Narrative: Smith (2024)	Paranthetical: (Smith 42) Narrative: Smith (42)
Two Authors	Paranthetical: (Smith & Taylor, 2023) Narrative: Smith and Taylor (2023)	Paranthetical: (Smith and Taylor 15) Narrative: Smith and Taylor (15)
Three or More Authors	Paranthetical: (Smith et al., 2022) Narrative: Smith et al. (2022)	Paranthetical: (Smith et al. 88) Narrative: Smith et al. (88)
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Organization / Corp. Author	(World Health Organization [WHO], 2023) Subsequent: (WHO, 2023)	(World Health Organization 5)

2. Bibliography Formulas (Reference List vs. Works Cited)

Source Type	APA 7th Edition Formula & Example	MLA 9th Edition Formula & Example
Book (Print)	Formula: Author, A. A. (Year). <i>Book title</i> (ed.). Publisher. Example: Collins, R. (2022). <i>Global sociology</i> . Routledge.	Formula: Author, First. <i>Book Title</i> . Edition, Publisher, Year. Example: Collins, Robert. <i>Global Sociology</i> . Routledge, 2022.
Journal Article (DOI)	Formula: Author, A. A. (Year). Article title. <i>Journal Name</i> , Vol(Issue), pages. https://doi.org/... Example: Baker, M. (2023). Deep learning. <i>Nature</i> , 590(2), 24–28. https://doi.org/10.1038/xyz	Formula: Author, First. "Article Title." <i>Journal Name</i> , vol. #, no. #, Year, pp. #-#. Database, DOI. Example: Baker, Mary. "Deep Learning." <i>Nature</i> , vol. 590, no. 2, 2023, pp. 24–28. https://doi.org/10.1038/xyz
Website Article	Formula: Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). <i>Article title</i> . Site Name. URL Example: NASA. (2024, Jan 10). <i>Artemis mission update</i> . https://nasa.gov/artemis	Formula: Author, First. "Article Title." <i>Website Name</i> , Publisher, Date, URL. Example: NASA. "Artemis Mission Update." NASA, 10 Jan. 2024, https://nasa.gov/artemis .

Core Formatting Rules:

- **Font & Spacing:** Both styles use standard fonts (Times New Roman 12pt, Arial 11pt, Calibri 11pt) and 1-inch margins with double spacing.
- **Capitalization:** APA uses *Sentence case* for article/book titles in the reference list. MLA uses *Title Case* for all titles.
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