

MLA Style - In-text Citation

In-Text Citations - Direct quotations

A parenthetical citation includes the author's last name and the page number(s) of the information used.

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

OR

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

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In-Text Citations - Paraphrasing

When you write information or ideas from a source in your own words, cite the source by adding an in-text citation at the end of the paraphrased portion.

Kafka describes the insecurities of his youth, analyzing his social shortcomings in school and his rocky relationship with his father (44-46).

OR

The insecurities of youth are described, as the author analyzes his social shortcomings in school and his rocky relationship with his father (Kafka 44-46).

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In-Text Citations - Reminder

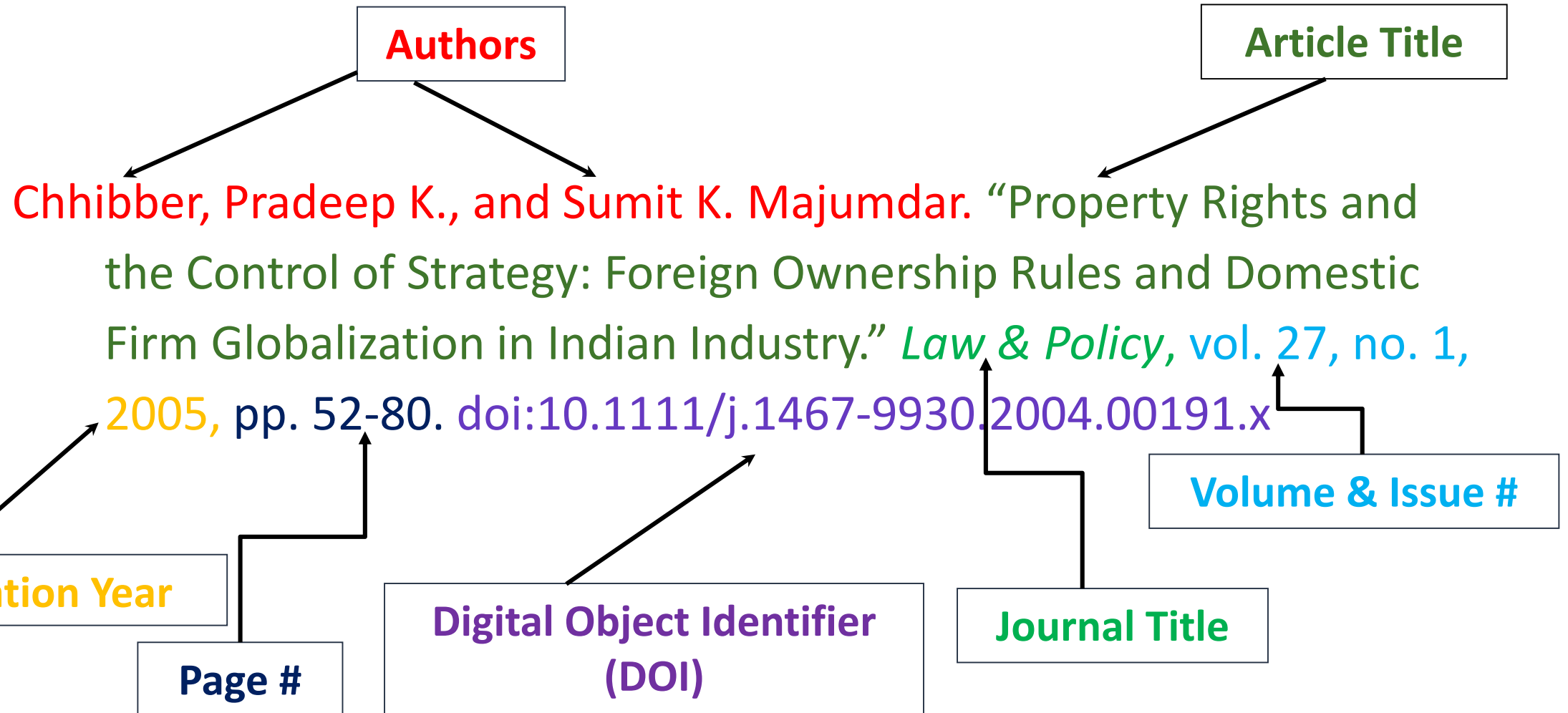
- No Author Name

If the author's name is not given, then use the first word or words of the title. Follow the same formatting that was used in the works cited list, such as quotation marks.

- Electronic Source without page number

When you quote from electronic sources that do not provide page numbers (like webpages), cite the author name only.

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Authors

- Last name first, Give surnames and given names in full if possible.
- If there are two authors, the first author given name appears in **Last name, First name** format; second author's name appears in **First name Last name** format.
- If there are three or more authors, list only the first author followed by the phrase "et al." in place of the subsequent authors' names.

Titles

- Title of the Book - Capitalize all principal words (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.). Do not capitalize articles (the, an), prepositions, or conjunctions unless one is the first word of the title or subtitle
- Italicize titles of larger works like books, periodicals, databases, and websites.
- Title of the Article - Putting the title of the article in quotations marks, and italicizing the periodical title.
- Title of the Journal - Capitalize all words in the journal title (except for common words).

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Volume and Issue

- Volume - Follows the journal title, separated by a comma and preceded by **vol.**
- Issue - Follows the volume number, separated by a comma and preceded by **no.**

Publication Date

- Books - Only the year is included in the publication date
- Journal Article - If the year is dated with a month or season, the month (abbreviated) or season is cited along with the year
- When the publication date of a work is unknown, omit this element

Publisher

- Use of capital letters in the most important words of titles, not need to italicized
- Use UP for University Press, e.g. Oxford UP

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DOIs and URLs

- **Digital Object Identifier (DOI)** is a unique alphanumeric string assigned by a registration agency to identify content and provide a persistent link to its location on the internet
- Include a DOI for all works that have a DOI, regardless of whether you used the online version or the print version
- If a print work does not have a DOI, do not include any DOI or URL in the reference
- If an online work has both a DOI and a URL, include only the DOI
- If an online work has a URL but no DOI, include the URL in the reference

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Basic Format of Book

Eggers, William D., and Paul Macmillan. *The Solution Revolution : How Business, Government, and Social Enterprises are Teaming Up to Solve Society's Toughest Problems*. Harvard Business Review Press, 2013.

Edited Book, No Author

Leitch, Megan G., and Cory James Rushton, editors. *A New Companion to Malory*. D. S. Brewer, 2019.

Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

Armstrong, Dorsey. "Malory and Character." *A New Companion to Malory*. Edited by Megan G. Leitch & Cory James Rushton, D. S. Brewer, 2019, pp. 144-163.

Book Chapter (Putting the title with quotation marks, Do not italicize)

Book Title (In Italicize style)

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Basic Format of Journal Article

Chhibber, Pradeep K., and Sumit K. Majumdar. "Property Rights and the Control of Strategy: Foreign Ownership Rules and Domestic Firm Globalization in Indian Industry." *Law & Policy*, vol. 27, no. 1, 2005, pp. 52-80. *Wiley Online Library*, doi:10.1111/j.1467-9930.2004.00191.x

Electronic Journal Article without DOI

Denny, Harry, et al. "'Tell Me Exactly What It Was That I Was Doing That Was so Bad': Understanding the Needs and Expectations of Working-Class Students in Writing Centers." *Writing Center Journal*, vol. 37, no. 1, 2018, pp. 67-98. *JSTOR*, www.jstor.org/stable/26537363

Article in a Magazine

Peterzell, Jay. "Better Late than Never." *Time*, vol. 135, no. 17, 23 Apr. 1990. pp. 20-21.

Article in a Newspaper

Hard, Lauren. "Your Graduation Speeches in 50 Words." *New York Times*, 6 June 2018, www.nytimes.com/2018/06/06/us/graduation-commencement-speech.html.

Database Name (In Italicize style)

Use URL if the source does not have DOI

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Dissertations and Theses (From a database)

Becker, Jesse C. *Landscape-level Influences on Community Composition and Ecosystem Function in a Large River Ecosystem*. 2013. Texas State U, Diss. *ProQuest*, <https://search.proquest.com/docview/1491386211>.

Database Name (In Italicize style)



Dissertations and Theses (Unpublished Paper)

Stewart, Y. *Dressing the Tarot*. 2000. Auckland U of Technology, MA thesis.

Type of Thesis and University



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Report

Annual report 2018-2019. Hospital Authority. 2019.

www.ha.org.hk/ho/corpcomm/AR201819/PDF/HA_Annual_Report_2018-2019.pdf

Website

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Department of Health, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, 25 May 2020, www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/24/102466.html

Website Name



Publisher of the website



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Social Media

User's last name, first name (or page name)

Add quotation mark for title or description of the post

Facebook Post

World Wildlife Fund. "Happy Earth Day from all of us at WWF!" *Facebook*, 22 Apr. 2019, <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10156574728914794&set=happy-earth-day-from-all-of-us-at-wwf>.

Tweet

The time of the status was posted

A.S. Cook Library [@CookLibraryOfTU]. (2019, November 14). "Come in out of the cold and curl up with one of our 500,000 books." *Twitter*, 14 Nov. 2019, twitter.com/CookLibraryOfTU/status/1194624183633760259

Instagram Photo / Video

Schatzel, Kim. Photo of *When you have the absolute best university mascot on the planet!* *Instagram*, 20 Oct. 2019, www.instagram.com/p/B31n4gsnPO0/