

MLA --new 7th Edition -- NOTES about Changes

Modern Language Association MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers.
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The following brief description of MLA 7th edition (2009) changes comes from the Purdue University OWL (Online Writing Lab) website; see more complete information at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>.

No More Underlining! Underlining is no more. MLA now recommends italicizing titles of independently published works (books, periodicals, films, etc).

No More URLs! While website entries will still include authors, article names, and website names, when available, MLA no longer requires URLs. Writers are, however, encouraged to provide a URL if the citation information does not lead readers to easily find the source.

Continuous Pagination? Who Cares? You no longer have to worry about whether scholarly publications employ continuous pagination or not. For all such entries, both volume and issue numbers are required, regardless of pagination.

Publication Medium. Every entry receives a medium of publication marker. Most entries will be listed as Print or Web, but other possibilities include Performance, DVD, or TV. Most of these markers will appear at the end of entries; however, markers for Web sources are followed by the date of access.

New Abbreviations. Many web source entries now require a publisher name, a date of publication, and/or page numbers. When no publisher name appears on the website, write n.p. for no publisher given. When sites omit a date of publication, write n.d. for no date. For online journals that appear only online (no print version) or on databases that do not provide pagination, write n. pag. for no pagination.

For an excellent review of the new edition, see
Rev. of *Modern Language Association MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th
ed., by Susan Mueller. *The Writing Lab Newsletter* 35.1 (2009): 10-12. Print.