Practical Ethics and Issues

“Practical ethics -- the attempt to work out the implications of general theories for specific forms of conduct and moral judgment; formerly called applied ethics.”


“Applied ethics is the philosophical examination, from a moral standpoint, of particular issues in private and public life which are matters of moral judgment. It is thus the attempts to use philosophical methods to identify the morally correct course of action in various fields of everyday life.”


Reference Books

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R 344.099 W433l The law of sports
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R 344.73 R225w We the students: Supreme Court cases for and about students
R 345.73 J69t Trials of the century: an encyclopedia of popular culture and the law
R 347.73 L676u U.S. court cases
R 347.732 H673h Historic U.S. court cases: an encyclopedia
R 348.73 W538w West's encyclopedia of American law
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E-Books

Medicine, health, and bioethics: essential primary sources
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You may also access the library page from the Baylor School homepage: (http://www.baylorschool.org/) Mouse over ACADEMICS and click on the library link located at the right side of that drop down menu.

From there, select “Online Resources” from the options from the menu on the left side of the page.

Once on that page, in the center column directly beneath the heading “Collections & Databases,” click on Remote access information. You will be prompted for your current First Class account username and password.

Click the link “Remote access” again and a pdf file with database information will open. Select desired database and follow directions.

Vetted General Internet Sites

What is Ethics?
URL: http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/decision/whatisethics.html
Is ethics about your feelings about right and wrong, your religious beliefs, laws you have to follow, or a societal standard of behavior? Each of these definitions falls short in some ways for defining ethics. Feelings may lead someone to do the wrong thing, ethics doesn’t only apply to people who follow their religion, and laws may allow behaviors that are discriminatory. When a society becomes accepts unethical standards, following societal rules falls short as well. Ethics is based on the obligation to pursue virtues and basic human rights. Ethical standards require constant examination and development.

The Universe of Genetic Testing
URL: http://www.labtestsonline.org/understanding/features/genetics-8.html
This article about the universe of genetic testing explains information about cytogenetics and chromosome analysis. Everyone has twenty-three pairs of chromosomes. Chromosomes are the physical structures that contain the genetic material, DNA. Cytogenetics is the science that relates to the study of chromosomes. To study a chromosome, first a whole chromosome has to be extracted from the nuclei of cells. The chromosomes are placed on glass slides, stained with special stains, and examined under a microscope.

URL: http://myscienceacademy.org/2012/11/05/genetically-modified-humans-new-gene-altering-drug-paves-way-for-mass-modification/
The media reports on genetically modified mosquitoes, genetically modified plants and livestock, but did you know that “genetically modified humans” may be a reality before too long? Scientists have developed a new drug that corrects genetic errors combating a rare disorder that causes fat production to be disrupted. Eventually, other genetic modifications may treat any defective genes, even ones that predict a person’s future ‘life of crime’. Or they could be used to create babies with more desirable traits like strength or high intelligence. No one really knows the long-term effects or dangers of genetically modified humans, though.

Medical Genetics
URL: http://www.lpch.org/DiseaseHealthInfo/HealthLibrary/genetics/index.html
What is medical Genetics? Genetics is the branch of medicine concerned with how hereditary and genetic factors play a role in causing a disease, birth defect, or inherited susceptibility to a health problem. The information on this site is provided by Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The Index here includes topics such as: Single Gene Defects, Chromosome Abnormalities, Uses of Genetic Testing, and Testing for Birth Defects. There is even a glossary of terms so you can understand some of the words used in the fields of medicine and genetics.

Making Better Babies: Genetics and Reproduction
URL: http://www.pbs.org/fredfriendly/ourgenes/making_better_babies/making_index.html
Serving as a companion to the PBS Program called Making Better Babies: Genetics & Reproduction, this site offers a lot of information and gives you a lot to think about when it comes to what we can find out about someone based on their genetic profile. There are sections that explain the latest technology in genetic profiling and testing and other sections that
discuss what we should do with that knowledge. You can read real-life stories about people faced with difficult emotional and ethical decisions, or follow the links to more information about specific topics.

**Genetic Testing**

**URL:** [http://www.nature.com/scitable/spotlight/genetic-testing-13782065](http://www.nature.com/scitable/spotlight/genetic-testing-13782065)

In the early 1970s genetic testing was used to identify people who had the inherited disease called sickle cell anemia. The disease affects African Americans more than any other populations. At that time twelve states mandated the testing. Read about the events that changed the testing from mandatory to voluntary and find out why discrimination continued against perfectly healthy African Americans. The pros and cons of genetics testing are discussed in this article and numerous links are available to further explore the topic.

**Who Gets To Know? Genetics and Privacy**

**URL:** [http://www.pbs.org/fredfriendly/ourgenes/who_gets_to_know/who_index.html](http://www.pbs.org/fredfriendly/ourgenes/who_gets_to_know/who_index.html)

With more and more accuracy in genetic mapping and testing, scientists and doctors are now able to find out more information about a person's physical makeup than ever before. This page serves as a companion piece to a PBS program called Who Gets to Know? Genetics and Privacy which concentrates on how to balance the rights of people with all of this information available. For instance, does a parent wants to test a child to see if that child might get a horrible genetic disease someday? And what will that parent do with that information? Learn how some people are answering these tough questions at this site.

**Same-sex Marriage**

**URL:** [http://www.law.suffolk.edu/library/research/a-z/news/samesex.cfm](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/library/research/a-z/news/samesex.cfm)

This legal research document is a collection of facts and statistics related to same sex marriage. It allows you to research and access a variety of information on this topic. You will find an overview on the recognition of same sex marriage, state materials, federal materials, international materials, secondary sources, encyclopedias, treatises, online resources, and an interactive timeline of historic events that begins in the 1970s. There is also a section that includes links to information of advocacy groups.

**Gay Marriage**


See how opinions on same-sex marriage have changed throughout the years. This page presents a chart showing percentages of people who favor and oppose same-sex marriage from 1996 to 2014. You can also look at the results of the poll in data form. Also noted here are the percentages of people from different age groups who favor same-sex marriage. Overall, a higher percentage of people from younger age groups favor same-sex marriage.

**Gay Marriage Around the World**


France and the United Kingdom may soon join the eleven countries that allow same-sex marriage and the two countries that allow same-sex marriage in some jurisdictions. The French National Assembly is voting on a same-sex marriage law and it is expected to pass. An initial vote in the British House of Commons showed support for a same-sex marriage law. European countries that allow same-sex marriage include the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Iceland, and Denmark. Other countries that have approved same-sex marriage include Canada and South Africa.

**Same Sex Marriage Laws**

**URL:** [http://gaymarriage.procon.org/](http://gaymarriage.procon.org/)

There are currently 17 states plus the District of Columbia that allow same-sex marriage and four states that have rule bans on same-sex marriage as unconstitutional. Learn more about same sex marriage in the United States. There is a map on the page that will tell you the status of same-sex marriage in each state. Then read about the history of same-sex marriage in the U.S., starting in Hawaii in 1993, up through recent court rulings

**Same-sex marriage in the United States**


Learn about each state’s position on same-sex marriage using this map. The map is color-coded and tells you the states that allow same-sex marriage, the states that have a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, and the states that have a statutory ban on same-sex marriage. Then mouse over the state for additional tax information for same-sex couples in that state. You can also click on the last sentence of the paragraph for recent articles on same-sex marriage.

**Should Gay Marriage Be Legal?**

**URL:** [http://gaymarriage.procon.org/](http://gaymarriage.procon.org/)

As of May 21, 2014, gay marriage is legal in nineteen U.S. states, while 31 other states have laws or constitutional amendments that ban it. Those who support gay marriage say homosexual couples should have the same rights as heterosexual couples. Those who oppose it support a traditional view of marriage being between a man and a woman. Just 45 years ago, homosexual sex was illegal but protests began in 1969 as police raided gay bars. Homosexuality was classified as a mental disorder until the 1970s. Gay rights activists fought back to eliminate discrimination. The debate over gay marriage and gay rights continues around the world.
Research Guides: Same-Sex Marriage Laws  
Ohio State University's college of law provides you with a convenient chart that makes it easy to locate information on the legislation that is in place for each state regarding same sex marriage. This state by state summary includes an alphabetical list of the states. Next to the name of each state you will discover the statutes, Constitutional amendments, court decisions, and state recognition related to same sex marriage. The boxes in the summary are left blank if there are laws that do not apply and links to information and documents are presented if the law does apply.

Exploring Constitutional Conflicts: The Gay Rights Controversy  
URL: [http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/gayrights.htm](http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/gayrights.htm)
Access the informative article found at this University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law web site in order to learn about homosexual conduct and the U.S. Constitution. Read through an introduction to this issue, use the links to access a number of different articles related to the gay rights controversy, and read through several different legal cases pertaining to this topic. The questions posed here can be used to facilitate a discussion on this topic. Use the links to access other web sites and articles relative to this issue.

ETHICS IN MEDICINE  
URL: [http://depts.washington.edu/bioethx/](http://depts.washington.edu/bioethx/)
Explore this interesting web site from the University of Washington School of Medicine to understand how resource allocation can be applied in the field of medicine. You will see what types of allocation decisions must be made by physicians, and how ethics plays a role in these decisions. The rules governing these decisions are discussed. Two different medical resource allocation cases are presented. Discussions of each case are available. There are many additional bioethical topics to study at this site.

Voluntary Euthanasia  
This detailed report sets five individually necessary conditions for anyone to be a candidate for legalized voluntary euthanasia. Included are outlines on the moral case by those in favor of legalizing voluntary euthanasia, and discusses six important objections by those opposed to the legality of voluntary euthanasia. Read that only in the last hundred years have there been efforts to make legal laws for voluntary euthanasia. The term voluntary euthanasia is also called assisted suicide.

Law and Medical Ethics  
URL: [http://depts.washington.edu/bioethx/topics/law.html](http://depts.washington.edu/bioethx/topics/law.html)
Medicine and law are intertwined in many ways. The intersection of these two areas is known as medical jurisprudence. The author of this website has included diagrams explaining how the law and medical ethics relate to one another. Read definitions of these concepts and learn how these different topics overlap with one another. Two medical cases are presented and followed up with discussions. Read these cases and learn about how the law impacts medical situations.

Ethics 08: The Golden Rule  
URL: [http://www.jcu.edu/philosophy/gensler/et/et-08-00.htm](http://www.jcu.edu/philosophy/gensler/et/et-08-00.htm)
Define the Golden Rule and analyze how it applies to various situations. Study the role of moral consistency and the need for knowledge and imagination when considering hypothetical situations. Recognize that the Golden Rule does not prescribe specific behaviors but outlines ways of determining actions. Decisions following the Golden Rule can be based on social conventions, religious laws, or personal feelings. Explore a list of questions that deals with the application of the Golden Rule.

Make the Right Choice  
URL: [http://ijahsp.nova.edu/articles/vol5num4/holub5_4.htm](http://ijahsp.nova.edu/articles/vol5num4/holub5_4.htm)
One case that was studied in an ethics class was the "Baby M" case. It was brought up during a discussion on surrogacy and how to know when the right choice is made and how to know what the right choice is. Along with the details of the case are the issues that were the focus of the custody dispute. The "best interest of the child" was also a phrase that was examined in class. A description of what and how "Baby M" is currently doing is followed by the consensus of the ethics class regarding this case.

Ethics Resource Center  
URL: [http://www.ethics.org/](http://www.ethics.org/)
The Ethics Resource Center works to strengthen ethical leadership worldwide by providing leading-edge expertise and services through research, education and partnerships. This site publishes a variety of essays, articles and interviews regarding organizational ethics, global ethics and character development. The resource center also provides a listing of articles, books, links, news and speeches. A well-organized and detailed "Frequently Asked Questions" section goes over many of the basics about ethics, including definitions, suggestions and links to more information.

Principles of Medical Ethics  
From the AMA, nine principles of medical ethics are listed. "Principles adopted by the American Medical Association are not laws, but standards of conduct which define the essentials of honorable behavior for the physician. Among the principles featured are those that ask that physicians be proactive in monitoring their own profession, continuing their
education, and contributing to the betterment of the community. Other links are available at this site including the history of the principles of medical ethics, legal issues, and medical science.

**Assisted Suicide**

URL: [http://www.assistedsuicide.org/](http://www.assistedsuicide.org/)

The AssistedSuicide.org web site is an international resource for articles and information about assisted suicide and euthanasia. The web site can be translated into eight languages besides English, and the different articles discuss the legal and ethical issues of this controversial topic. There is also a list of links to other organizations that are in favor of a person's right to die.

**The Science Behind Drug Abuse**

URL: [http://teens.drugabuse.gov/](http://teens.drugabuse.gov/)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) provides this excellent site for Teens to obtain essential information about drug use. Click onto: Facts on Drugs to learn about the brain and addiction, anabolic steroids, marijuana, and other drugs. Read real stories from kids who speak out about their experiences with drugs and alcohol and the impact it had on their life. Or, if you have Flash Plug In, you can just Have Fun & Learn about the affects of drugs and alcohol on your body while you play a game. This site is just right for teens.

**Too Smart to Start**


The best way to prevent alcoholism is to become educated about the effects of alcohol. Too Smart to Start is a special Web site designed for Tweens and Teens. You will learn about the benefits of staying away from alcohol when you read the facts about alcohol presented in these articles. Be sure to read the section on media literacy to learn about social norms, drinking, and how to read between the lines in television, movies, and magazine articles. Interactive games and puzzles also help you learn about the benefits of remaining alcohol free.

**The Effects of Drugs and Alcohol on the Adolescent Brain**

URL: [http://www.samafoundation.org/effectsof.html](http://www.samafoundation.org/effectsof.html)

The focus of the SAMA Foundation web site is to eliminate substance addiction in youth. This article describes the effects of drugs and alcohol on the adolescent brain. The overview talks about the reasons adolescents are at risk for substance addiction. Find out why adolescent drug users are in danger of permanent intellectual and emotional damage. Normal adolescent brain development is explained. Learn about the effects of drugs on the developing brain, neurotransmitter functions and alternations in perception caused by drug abuse.

**Treatment**


Did you know that approximately one-third of all people undergoing treatment for drug abuse were forced to seek treatment by the criminal justice system? Learn this interesting fact about drug addicts and their treatment at this web site. Links provide the opportunity to learn more about antabuse, a medication used to treat alcoholism, and methadone, a synthetic narcotic used to help abusers break their heroin habit. Other links provide information on types of abused substances, motivation for drug use, effects of substance abuse, and fighting substance abuse.

**A Family History of Alcoholism**


A child that grows up in a family where there is alcohol abuse may not know what to do. Alcoholism may appear normal, or a child may wonder if he or she is at risk for alcoholism. This important document presented by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, provides important information that addresses these questions. You will learn about the four symptoms of alcoholism. You will read about scientific research and the genetic factors involved with alcoholism. But, most importantly, you will read about important steps that can be taken to avoid and prevent alcoholism altogether.

**Alcohol: Peer Pressure**


Have you ever felt pressured to drink alcohol? Is everybody really drinking alcohol? Alcohol: Peer Pressure is an article that deals with the subject of teenage drinking and peer pressure. Come to this article to read how other teens have handled decisions related to alcohol. How can you avoid giving in to peer pressure? Why do teenagers drink? Come read what other teens are saying on the topic and how they have handled situations involving alcohol.

**Kids Health for Kids: Alcohol**

URL: [http://www.kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/body/alcohol.html](http://www.kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/body/alcohol.html)

Kids who begin drinking before the age of fifteen are at a much higher risk of becoming addicted to alcohol and are setting the stage for a host of health and personal problems. Learn the many reasons why kids and alcohol don't mix at Kids Health, sponsored by the Nemours Foundation. You'll also discover how to tell if someone you care about has a drinking problem and what you should do, along with information about alcoholism and some tips for saying no to alcohol.
Drugs and Alcohol
URL: http://www.safeteens.org/drugs-alcohol/
Even after hearing all the negative effects of drugs and alcohol, there are some teens who still abuse these types of substances. There are some things you can learn to do that will help you avoid or prevail over peer pressure. This source not only tells you about the effects of drugs and alcohol on teens, but it also tells you about the most common drugs teens may try, and the real risks of trying each. Once you have read through each of the three sections, you will be prepared for any situation involving peer pressure and substances.

Should Euthanasia or Physician-Assisted Suicide Be Legal?
URL: http://euthanasia.procon.org/
What are the moral responsibilities of physicians if patients want help committing suicide? What are the legal rights of terminally ill people? Study the pros and cons of euthanasia. Is the right to die a right that should be protected by the Constitution? Find out what factors might motivate an ill patient to want to die. Understand the difference between active, passive, and non-voluntary euthanasia. Examine the views of different religions surrounding euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. Analyze some specific cases.

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Assisted Suicide: A Right or a Wrong?
URL: http://www.scu.edu/ethics/publications/iie/v1n1/suicide.html
In excruciating pain as skin cancer slowly destroyed his body, Matthew wanted to die. When his brother shot him with a gun, he was tried for murder. Examine the dilemmas and moral controversy of assisted suicide. Medical developments help modern society save lives, but can also prolong suffering. Should a physician be allowed to help a terminally ill patient commit suicide? Analyze both sides of the debate. Where is the line between compassion and the slippery slope toward ending lives deemed by others as worthless?

Brittany Maynard's Death with Dignity Campaign Puts U.S. Laws Back in
URL: http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/10/12/brittany-maynardsdeathwithdignitycampaignputsuslawsbackinfocus.html
A few places in the United States allow patients the right to suicide with physician-prescribed drugs. The 29-year-old, terminally-ill Brittany Maynard started a social media campaign to try to make assisted suicide universally available. She moved to Oregon because doctor-assisted suicide is legal there. Some claim that the Death with Dignity Act is different from euthanasia. More than 1,000 people have gotten lethal prescriptions under Oregon's act. The practice is also legal in Vermont and Washington State. Investigate the criteria that patients must meet. Explore the arguments against assisted suicide.

Religious Groups’ Views on End-of-Life Issues
URL: http://www.pewforum.org/2013/11/21/religious-groups-views-on-end-of-life-issues/
Something everyone will face someday is death. This article summarizes what 16 major American religious groups’ believe about end of life issues. The groups polled included 8 Protestant denominations, Buddhists, Catholics, Mormons, Hindus, Islam, Jews, and Unitarian Universalists. All opposed the right of terminally ill patients to choose when to die except for the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Church. Several didn’t have specific resolutions or teachings about it, but conceded that the broader church teachings opposed suicide and euthanasia. All agreed that life did not need to be preserved at all costs through artificial means.

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URL: http://www.factcheck.org/
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### Example of journal articles accessed from online databases:

Example of article from the ProQuest Central database:


KEY: 1. author 2. title of source (article) 3. title of container 1 (periodical) 4. volume and issue number 5. publication date 6. location (pg. numbers) 7. title of container 2 (database) 8. location (url) 9. Accessed day month year

Example of article from the CQ Researcher database:


KEY: 1. author 2. title of source (article) 3. title of container 1 (periodical) 4. publication date 5. location (pg. numbers) 6. title of container 2 (database) 7. location (url) 8. Accessed day month year

Example of article from the Issues and Controversies database (SOURCE WITH NO AUTHOR IN A CONTAINER):


KEY: 1. title of source 2. title of container 1 (website) 3. publisher 4. publication date 5. location (url) 6. Accessed day month year.

Note: The publisher’s name, InfoBase Learning, is significantly different from the name of the database, Issues and Controversies. Therefore, the publisher’s name is listed.

Example of article from the JSTOR database:


KEY: 1. author 2. title of source (article) 3. title of container 1 (periodical) 4. volume and issue number 5. publication date 6. location (pg. numbers) 7. title of container 2 (database) 8. location (url) 9. Accessed day month year

### Citing an Email:


KEY: 1. author 2. use subject line as title 3. recipient of email 4. date of email

Note: When you cite an email in your list of works cited, use the subject of the message as the title. The title should be capitalized and in quotation marks.

### COMMON WEB BASED CITATIONS
Citing a Tweet:


KEY: 1 author 2 title of Tweet 3 title of service 4 day month year, time 5 location (url)

Note: The full text of the tweet should be your title -- enclose the text in quotation marks.

Citing a Video from Classroom Video on Demand:


KEY: 1 title of the segment 2 title of source 3 publisher 4 publication date (release date) 5 title of container (website) 6 location (url) 7 accessed day month year

Citing a Video from YouTube:


KEY: 1 author 2 title of source 3 publisher 4 publication date (release date) 5 title of container (website) 6 location (url) 7 accessed day month year

BE AWARE THAT SOME DATABASE VENDORS DO A BETTER JOB OF PROPERLY CITING ARTICLES THAN OTHERS.

ABC-CLIO does a relatively good job of citing articles -- but states -- “Although every effort has been made to adhere to MLA rules, minor discrepancies may occur.”

ANNOTATED WORKS CITED GUIDELINES

What is an Annotated Works Cited or Annotated Bibliography?

An annotated works cited or bibliography is a essentially a listing of citations to books, articles, and documents. Each citation is followed by a brief (usually about 100 - 150 words) descriptive and evaluative paragraph, the annotation. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the relevance, accuracy, and quality of the sources cited -- in short -- you are asked to comment on and/or explain why each source cited is useful.

First, you locate the information (books, periodicals, and documents) that may contain useful information and ideas on your topic and briefly examine/review those works that provide a variety of perspectives on your topic. Second, you cite the book, article, or document using the MLA style. Third, write a concise annotation that summarizes the central theme and scope of the book or article.

This annotation should answer three main questions:

• WHO -- who wrote it; why is that person an authority or provide background of the author; or the group that sponsored it.
• WHAT -- what did it say; did it provide information or mis-information; compare or contrast this work with another you have cited -- does it agree or disagree.
• WHY -- explain why you think it is a good addition to your research. Also, comment on the intended audience -- who was the intended audience and most importantly why was it written.

Example for an article available from the ProQuest Direct database


The article discusses the “current evangelical wave” and presents a variety of methods and attitudes dealing with the work of this new brand of missionaries. It illustrates how both believers in Judaism and Islam are possible targets to these new evangelists. Also, it provides a general understanding of this missionary movement and of the goals and dangers expected in achieving those goals. The article also presents a historical background to this current missionary wave and to past efforts elsewhere.
David Van Biema is a staff writer for *Time* magazine. This article is just one of many covering primarily topics dealing with the Middle East and/or religion. This article is the “cover story” for this issue of *Time* magazine and is written for the general public.

**In-Text Citation (Formerly Parenthetical Documentation) Examples:**
According to MLA, the author’s last name and a page reference are enough to identify the source and the specific location from which you obtained material. As shown in the following example:

**REMEMBER:** Given the author’s last name, your readers can find the complete publication information for the source in the alphabetically arranged list of works cited that follows the text of your paper.

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<td>According to Naomi Baron, reading is “just half of literacy. The other half is writing” (194). One might suggest that reading is never complete without writing.</td>
<td>You only need to indicate page numbers, since the author's name appears in the text.</td>
<td>Baron, Naomi S. “Redefining Reading: The Impact of Digital Communication Media,” <em>PMLA</em>, vol. 128, no.1, Jan. 2013, pp. 193-200.</td>
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<td>Reading is &quot;just half of literacy. The other half is writing&quot; (Baron 194).</td>
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<td>Two authors' names in “in-text” reference</td>
<td>The dataset includes information on the entire population of children who have dropped out of North Carolina’s public schools (Stearns and Glennie 37).</td>
<td>To avoid interrupting the flow of your writing, place the parenthetical reference where a pause would naturally occur (preferably at the end of a sentence), as near as possible to the material documented. The in-text reference precedes the punctuation mark that concludes the sentence, clause, or phrase containing the borrowed material.</td>
<td>Stearns, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth J. Glennie. “When and Why Dropouts Leave High School. <em>Youth Society</em>, 2006, vol. 38: pp. 29-57, yas.sagepub.com/content/38/1/29. Accessed 3 October 2016.</td>
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<td>Quotation found in indirect or &quot;secondhand&quot; source</td>
<td>Samuel Johnson admitted that Edmund Burke was an &quot;extraordinary man&quot; (qtd. in Boswell vol. 2: 450).</td>
<td>If only an indirect source is available (only an indirect source is available—for example, someone's published account of another's spoken remarks), put the abbreviation qtd. in [which means &quot;quoted in&quot;] before the indirect source you cite in your in-text reference.</td>
<td>Boswell, James. <em>The Life of Johnson</em>. Ed. George Birkbeck Hill and L.F. Powell. 6 vols. Clarendon, 1934-50.</td>
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<td>In-text Citations for Sources with No Known Author or Organization as Author</td>
<td>Reading at Risk: <em>A Survey of Literacy in America</em> notes that despite an apparent decline in reading during the sample period, “the number of people doing creative writing – of any genre, not exclusively literary works – increased substantially between 1982 and 2002” (3).</td>
<td>Include the first 2-3 key words from the title and the page number in parentheses.</td>
<td>Reading at Risk: <em>A Survey of Literacy in America</em>, National Endowment for the Arts, 2004, <a href="http://www.arts.gov/sites/default/files/ReadingAtRisk.pdf">www.arts.gov/sites/default/files/ReadingAtRisk.pdf</a>. Accessed 3 October 2016.</td>
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<td>In this example, there are no page numbers to include.</td>
<td>“Mandarin.” <em>The Encyclopedia Americana</em>. 1993 ed.</td>
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**NOTE:** Some sources, especially those on the Internet, do not give page numbers. The general rule is to give a section number if it is given; otherwise simply don't use anything other than the author's name or title if no author is given.

**NOTE:** Periods should always follow the parenthetical citation. They should NEVER go within the quotation. Only exclamation points (!) and question marks (?) should be included in the quote.
According to the 8th edition of the MLA Handbook, there are specific requirements and/or recommendations for the format of a research paper. If there are questions, check with your teacher, otherwise, the following MLA recommendations are the most common for printing or typing, margins, spacing, etc.

**Printing or Typing**

If you composed your paper on a computer, be aware of the following guidelines:

- EVERYTHING in your essay should be DOUBLE-SPACED. Everything including the heading, the title, the text, block quotations, and Works Cited page.
- Choose a standard, easily readable typeface (e.g., Times New Roman) and type size (e.g., 12 point)
  - Do not justify the lines of your paper at the right margin.
  - Turn off your word processor’s automatic hyphenation feature.
  - Print on one side of the paper only.
  - Be sure to keep a copy of your paper either in hardcopy or a backup copy on disk.

**Spacing**

A research paper must be double-spaced throughout, including quotations, notes, and the list of works cited or annotated list of works cited.

The **HEADER** consists of 1) your last name and 2) the page number.

Give a TITLE to the essay. Do not underline your title or put it in quotation marks or type it in all capital letters. Capitalize each word (except articles, conjunctions, and prepositions), but don’t type the title in all capitals.

In studying the impact of Latin American, African, and Asian music on modern American composers, music historians tend to discuss such figures as Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Henry Cowell, Alan Hovhaness, and John Cage (Brindle: 145–59; Strock 173–82). The composer Darius Milhaud’s The Latin American Suite, or Afro-Eurasian Eclipse, explores his impressions of the people, places, and music of other countries.

Not all music critics, however, have ignored Ellington’s excursions into longer musical forms. In the 1950s, for example, while Ellington was still very much alive, Raymond Horricks, comparing him with Ravel, Delius, and Debussy, wrote:

> The continually enquiring mind of Ellington, . . . has sought to extend steadily the imaginative boundaries of the musical form on which it subsists . . . Ellington since the mid-1930s has been engaged upon extending both the imagery and the formal construction of written jazz. (122–23)

Ellington’s earliest attempts to move beyond the three-minute limit imposed by the 78 rpm recordings of the time include Black, Brown, and Beige (ori-
MLA Format for Works Cited


Elements of a citation

Authors' names are inverted (last name first); if a work has more than one author, invert only the first author's name, follow it with a comma, then continue listing the rest of the authors. Putting people's names in alphabetical order is done on a letter-by-letter basis. Ignore articles of speech: a, an, and the when alphabetizing citations.


The title of the article or book chapter is in quotations.
The title of the book is italicized.