

## Quick Guide :: ANATOMY OF A CITATION

### What is a Citation?

A citation is the basic information required to identify or locate a specific publication (book, article, video, etc.). Citations are provided in print and electronic indexes and catalogs to identify resources. They are also included in research papers, articles, and books to reference text that has been quoted or a source that has been used as an authority.

### Parts of a Citation

Book Parts—

- : Author(s) or Editor(s)
- : Book Title
- : Edition
- : Publication Date
- : Publisher & Place of Publication

Article Parts—

- : Article Title
- : Author(s)
- : Page Numbers
- : Periodical Title
- : Publication Date
- : Volume & Issue

### Style Guides

Citations can be formatted in differently depending on what style guide is being used as a reference. Below are two styles guides used often to format research papers.

#### Modern Language Association (MLA)

Disciplines: Arts and Humanities

#### MLA Quick Guide:

<http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/guides/citationguides/alamla.htm>

#### American Psychological Association (APA)

Disciplines: Social Sciences

#### APA Quick Guide:

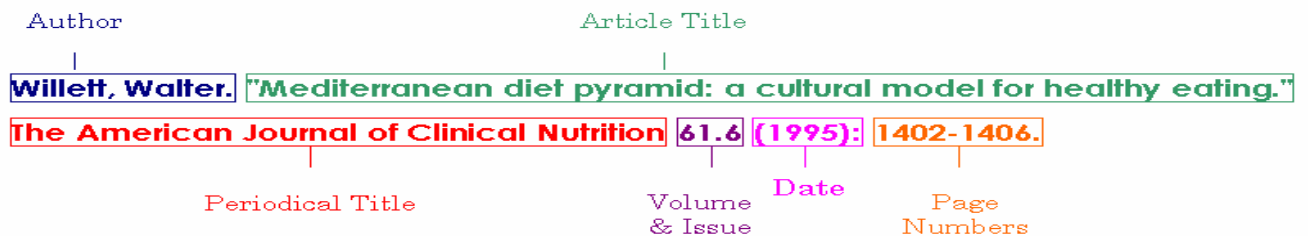
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### Research Tips

Some suggestions to make the research process more quick and efficient:

- a) Use Findit@MU when you have a complete citation to find the full-text of article.
- b) Use the MERLIN Catalog to find the print editions of periodical titles.

### Anatomy of an Article Citation



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