

MLA Format for music citations guidelines from Purdue OWL:

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A Song or Album

Music can be cited multiple ways. Mainly, this depends on the container that you accessed the music from. Generally, citations begin with the artist name. They might also be listed by composers or performers. Otherwise, list composer and performer information after the album title. Put individual song titles in quotation marks. Album names are italicized. Provide the name of the recording manufacturer followed by the publication date.

If information such as record label or name of album is unavailable from your source, do not list that information.

Spotify

Rae Morris. "Skin." *Cold*, Atlantic Records, 2014, *Spotify*,
open.spotify.com/track/0OPES3Tw5r86O6fudK8gxi.

Online Album

Beyoncé. "Pray You Catch Me." *Lemonade*, Parkwood Entertainment, 2016,
www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/.

CD

Nirvana. "Smells Like Teen Spirit." *Nevermind*, Geffen, 1991.

Digital Files (PDFs, MP3s, JPEGs)

Determine the type of work to cite (e.g., article, image, sound recording) and cite appropriately. End the entry with the name of the digital format (e.g., PDF, JPEG file, *Microsoft Word* file, MP3). If the work does not follow traditional parameters for citation, give the author's name, the name of the work, the date of creation, and the location.

Beethoven, Ludwig van. *Moonlight Sonata*. Crownstar, 2006.

Bentley, Phyllis. "Yorkshire and the Novelist." *The Kenyon Review*, vol. 30, no. 4, 1968, pp.
509-22. *JSTOR*, www.jstor.org/stable/4334841.

Council of Writing Program Administrators, National Council of Teachers of English, and
National Writing Project. *Framework for Success in Postsecondary Writing*. CWPA,
NCTE, and NWP, 2011, [wpacouncil.org/files/framework-for-success-postsecondary-
writing.pdf](http://wpacouncil.org/files/framework-for-success-postsecondary-writing.pdf).

Smith, George. "Pax Americana: Strife in a Time of Peace." 2005. *Microsoft Word* file.

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Example of Works Cited:

Smith 1

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