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CITING ART IN THE TEXT OF YOUR PAPER

Give the artist's name and italicize the title of the work*. No additional information in parenthesis is required:

Blackwood's *Leaving for the Labrador*

Anne Meredith Barry's Passing Parade

*Exceptions: MLA recommends not italicizing buildings, earthworks, and ancient artworks (e.g. Empire State Building, Great Wall of China, Venus de Milo).

CITING ART IN YOUR WORKS CITED LIST

ORIGINAL DRAWING / PAINTING / SCULPTURE / PHOTO / ETC.

If artist is unknown, begin with the title. You can leave out the city, if it is part of the museum or collection name. Optional: At the end of the entry you may include the format (e.g. Marble sculpture, Photograph, Oil on canvas, etc.).

Artist Last name, First name. Title of Artwork. Year, Museum or Collection, City.

Pratt, Christopher. Young Girl with Seashells. 1965, Memorial University of Newfoundland Collection, Corner Brook. Oil on masonite.

For untitled artworks, provide a generic description. Do not italicize or capitalize first letter of each word:

Westwood, Vivian. Lime green, faux crocodile platform shoes. 1993, Bata Shoe Museum, Toronto.

IMAGE IN A LIBRARY DATABASE (e.g. ARTSTOR)

Include database name and a DOI (preferred) proceeded by "https://doi.org/" or a URL. For URLs you can omit "http://".

Artist. Title of Artwork. Year, Museum or Collection, City. Name of Database, DOI or URL.

Landing of Atlantic Cable in Newfoundland, 1866. 1900, George Eastman House, Rochester. Artstor.

library.artstor.org.qe2a-proxy.mun.ca/library/iv2.html?parent=true.

REPRODUCTION IN A BOOK

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Artist. *Title of Artwork*. Year of artwork, Museum or Collection, City. *Title of Book*, Author/s or Editor/s, Publisher/s, Year of publication, p. page/figure/plate #.

Jacque, Herbie. Labrador Black Duck. 2009, Lawrence O'Brien Auditorium, Goose Bay. Uncommon Clay: The Labradoria Mural, by Dorrie Brown, Creative Publishers, 2010, p. 18.

GRAPHIC NOVEL OR COMIC

A graphic novel with a single creator (i.e. same person wrote and illustrated it) can be cited similar to a print book. For multiple contributors, the names of any contributors "who are important to your discussion" can be included after the title with a description of their role (p. 150).

Title of Issue. Title of Series, Contributors, no. or vol. #, Publisher/s, year.

Season of Mists. The Sandman, by Neil Gaiman, penciled by Kelly Jones, coloured by Steve Oliff and Danny Vozzo, vol. 4, Vertigo, 2011.

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Artist. *Title of Artwork*. Year of artwork, Museum or Collection, City. Author/s. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal*, vol. #, no. #, day Mon. year, p. #.

Carr, Emily. Scorned as Timber, Beloved of the Sky. 1935, Vancouver Art Gallery, Emily Carr Trust,

Vancouver. Udall, Sharyn R. "Georgia O'Keeffe and Emily Carr: Health, Nature and the Creative

Process." Women's Art Journal, vol. 27, no. 1, 2006, p. 23.

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Include database name and a DOI (preferred) proceeded by "https://doi.org/" or a URL. For URLs you can omit "http://". If you downloaded the PDF version where other versions are available, include "PDF download" at the end of the entry.

Artist. *Title of Artwork*. Year or artwork, Museum, or Collection, City. Author/s. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal/Magazine*, vol. #, no. #, day Mon. year, p. #. *Database Name*, DOI or URL.

Sherman, Cindy. *Untitled Film Still #56*. 1980, Collection of Mary Harron. Townsend, Christopher. "Art as Commodity as Art." *Art Monthly*, vol. 368, July/Aug. 2013, p. 2. *Art Index*, www.proquest.com/docview/1412276209?OpenUrlRefId=info:xri/sid:primo&accountid=12378.

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Artist. *Title of Artwork*. Year of artwork, Museum or Collection, City. *Name of Website*, Website Publisher/s, day Mon. year, URL.

Shepherd, Helen Parsons. *Sunday Morning*. 1962, Collection of Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's. *The Rooms*, www.exhibits.therooms.ca/artgallery/shepherds.asp. Accessed 20 Sept. 2016.

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