

SAMPLE STUDENT WORKSHEET AND INSTRUCTOR KEY

Using Citation Generators

Example 1. A student entered an ISBN for a book directly into a generator.

GENERATOR EXAMPLE

Sontag, Susan. *Against Interpretation: And Other Essays*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1966. Print.

STUDENT'S CORRECTED EXAMPLE

Sontag, Susan. "Against Interpretation" and Other Essays. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1966.

RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE *MLA HANDBOOK*

- 1.2.4 (titles within titles)
- p. 51 (city of publication)
- p. 52 (medium of publication)

Example 2. A student is citing the book *The Dubliners*, found online on *Project Gutenberg*, and is prompted to enter information manually.

GENERATOR EXAMPLE

Joyce, James. *The Dubliners*. *Project Gutenberg*. 1 Apr. 2016. Web.
<<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/2814/2814-h/2814-h.htm>>.

STUDENT'S CORRECTED EXAMPLE

Joyce, James. *The Dubliners*. *Project Gutenberg*, 1 Apr. 2016,
www.gutenberg.org/files/2814/2814-h/2814-h.htm.

RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE *MLA HANDBOOK*

- pp. 30-36 (containers: the Web site *Project Gutenberg* contains the novel *The Dubliners*; a comma follows the title *Project Gutenberg* because the publication information after it is part of the same container)
- p. 27 (titles of novels and of other independent works that are anthologized)
- p. 48, sec. 2.5.2 (URLs as location)

Example 3. A student read a short story in the book *The Dubliners*, found online on *Project Gutenberg*.

GENERATOR EXAMPLE

Joyce, James. "A Painful Case." *The Dubliners*. *Project Gutenberg*. 1 Apr. 2016. Web.
<<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/2814/2814-h/2814-h.htm>>.

STUDENT'S CORRECTED EXAMPLE

Joyce, James. "A Painful Case." *The Dubliners*. Project Gutenberg, 1 Apr. 2016, www.gutenberg.org/files/2814/2814-h/2814-h.htm.

RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE *MLA HANDBOOK*

pp. 25-29, sec. 1.2.2 (formatting titles)

pp. 30-36 (containers; in the example above, the title *The Dubliners* is the final piece of relevant information in the container)

Example 4. A student looked at the image located at www.moma.org/collection/works/79802 and manually entered information into the generator.

GENERATOR EXAMPLE

Van Gogh, Vincent. *The Starry Night*. Digital image. MoMA. MoMA, n.d. Web. <<http://www.moma.org/collection/works/79802>>

STUDENT'S CORRECTED EXAMPLE

Gogh, Vincent van. *The Starry Night*. 1889. MOMA, Museum of Modern Art, www.moma.org/collection/works/79802.

RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE *MLA HANDBOOK*

1.2.2 (when to italicize titles of works)

2.1.1 (using the dictionary to determine preferred alphabetization of names)

2.5.2 (styling URLs)

p. 17 (determining title of Web site)

pp. 20, 32 (omitting irrelevant elements)

p. 42 (omit publisher's name if essentially the same as title of Web site)

p. 50 (date of original publication)