# Week 6: *Answers to MLA Citation Style Assignment*

Book

Gitlow, Abraham L. *Corruption in Corporate America: Who Is Responsible? Who Will Protect the Public Interest?* Lanham: UP of America, 2005.

Notes:

* I provided you with the catalog record of the above book. From the most common mistakes I found in your assignments, I assume most of you copied and pasted the information directly from the record into your Word document. It’s fine to do that in order to save yourself from having to type it out but you must then reformat it into the proper MLA format. Records are not set up in citation format.
* Titles must be italicized or underlined. Be consistent.
* In the title, the first letter of each word must be capitalized. Many of you made the mistake of capitalizing just “Corruption.”
* The publisher is University Press of America. While the MLA Handbook suggestions you abbreviate publisher names (UP of America), it’s okay with me if you want to write it out. It is preceded by a colon and the city of the publisher. You do not include the state, especially with well-known cities such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. With lesser known cities, such as here, MLA does not require including the state but I don’t consider it wrong if you did, as long as you abbreviated it correctly. (MD, not Md). If you are citing a city outside of the United States that may not be well known, you do need to include the name of the country.
* The final element is the date of publication. If there is no date of publication, use the copyright date but do not include “c” before the date.

Periodical Article:

Hajdu, David. "Instant Gratification." *The New Republic*. 6 March 2006: 25+. *ProQuest Research Library*. ProQuest. Seattle Central Community College Lib. 18 Oct. 2012.

Notes:

* With a periodical article, you must first determine if the article you are citing is from a journal, newspaper or magazine. *The New Republic* is a magazine, not a journal so follow the example for citing a magazine article. The main difference between citing a journal and a magazine is, with a magazine (and a newspaper) you do not include the volume and issue.
* Title of the article is in quotes.
* Title of the magazine is in italics or underlined. Be consistent.
* If you find an article in a database, you must include in your citation the name of the database, the publisher and the name of the library's website from which you accessed the database. In the example in your assignment, ProQuest Research Library is the name of the database, ProQuest is the publisher, and you accessed the article from Seattle Central Community College library. I know the citation style guide from Seattle Central which is linked to your assignment shows the publisher as ProQuest Information and Learning Co but just ProQuest is fine.
* Never copy and paste your citation directly from the information as laid out on the record of the article. Most likely, the database you are using does not format the citation information as you need it. If you want to use the “Cite It” feature where the database generates a citation for you, you can but you must check it using a MLA Style Guide or the MLA Handbook. Databases are known to make mistakes.

Web Page:

Zapato, Lyle. “Save the Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus.” *Zapato Productions*

*Intradimensional.* 10 May 2011. Web. 20 May 2012. <[http://zapatopi.net](http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus/)

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Notes:

* The purpose of a web address (URL) in a citation is to help the reader get to the site easily. If the address is typed incorrectly or is invalid, then the citation isn't doing its job. In the latest edition of MLA, 7th edition, your instructor may or may not insist that you use the URL. In this course, you will use the URL for websites.
* For a Web Page, include the title of the article or page in quotes and the name of the website is italicized.