

Most Common MLA Works Cited Entries with In-text & Parenthetical Citations

When using MLA format, please consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition), to which all the page numbers below refer.

Paper Format (p. 116)

- All work done in MLA format should be double-spaced, with 1 inch margins on all sides.
- Unless requested by the instructor, title pages are not necessary.
- Only leave 1 space after punctuation, including commas, period, etc., unless the instructor prefers 2 spaces.
- The heading should begin 1 inch from the top margin, be left justified, and double spaced. The title should include each of the items listed in sequential order on separate lines: student's name, instructor's name, course number, and the date.
- After the heading, double-space and center the title.

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Cultural Diversity
Cultural diversity has played a major role in establishing a more realistic

Works Cited Page (p. 129)

The Works Cited page is an alphabetized list of all the sources mentioned or used in the paper.

- The Works Cited page occurs at the end of the document and should begin on a new page while continuing with the previous pagination sequence.
- The page number should be included in the header ½ inch from the top margin.
- The title Works Cited should be 1 inch from the top margin and centered; the entire document should be double spaced.
- Each entry should be flushed to the left margin with each subsequent line indented; this is known as a hanging indent.
- Entries should begin with the author's name inverted (last name, first name). When a source has no author, alphabetize by title, ignoring a, an, or the.
- When citing multiple works done by the same author, only cite the author's name in the first entry. Afterwards, in place of the name, type three hyphens followed by a period and the title. For example,

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Works Cited
<i>Atlas of the World</i> . New York: Random, 2000. Print.
Beeler, John. <i>Warfare in Feudal Europe: 730-1200</i> . Ithaca, NY: Cornell UP, 1971. Print.

Murray, Donald. *A Writer Teaches Writing*. Revised 2nd edition. Boston: Thomson, 2004.

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- Italicize titles of books, plays, long poems, pamphlets, periodicals, radio and television programs, films, Web sites, and online databases. For the complete list, please see p. 88.
- Titles of works published within larger works require quotation marks. Such titles include the names of articles, essays, short stories, short poems, chapters of books, individual episodes of television and radio programs, and short musical compositions. (See p. 89).
- Use the following abbreviations for information you cannot supply (See p. 179 for more options).
 - N.p. No place of publication given (Inserted before colon)
 No publisher (Inserted after colon)
 - N.d. No date of publication given
 - N. pag. No pagination given

1. Book by One Author (p. 148)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Beeler, John. *Warfare in Feudal Europe: 730-1200*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell UP, 1971. Print.

In-text citation: John Beeler writes...(21).

Parenthetical citation: Knights were very powerful...(Beeler 21).

***For translations, include Trans. and the translator's name after the article/book (p. 165).**

Example of Works Cited entry: Murasaki Shikibu. *The Tale of Genji*. Trans. Edward G. Seidensticker. New York: Knopf, 1976. Print.

2. Book by Two or Three Authors (p. 154)

Format for Works Cited entry: First Author's Last Name, First Name, Second Author's First Name Last Name, and Third Author's First Name Last Name. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Bain, Joe S., Richard E. Caves, and Julius Margolis. *Northern California's Water Industry: The Comparative Efficiency of Public Enterprise in Developing a Scarce Natural Resource*. Baltimore, MD: John Hopkins UP, 1966. Print.

In-text citation: Bain, Caves, and Margolis claim...(83).

Parenthetical citation: The water industry...(Bain, Caves, and Margolis 83).

***When a work has four or more authors, either provide the first author's name followed by et al. or list all the authors' names.**

3. Book without an Author or Editor (p. 162)

Format for Works Cited entry: *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: *Atlas of the World*. New York: Random, 2000. Print.

In-text citation: According to *Atlas of the World*, Libya...(701).

Parenthetical citation: Libya has a population of...(Atlas 701).

4. Sacred Texts (p. 164)

Format for Works Cited entry: *Title of Edition*. Ed. Editor's First Name Last Name (if any). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: *Holy Bible: New Living Translation*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1996. Print.

In-text citation: In the Old Testament of the *Holy Bible*, Abraham promises...(Gen. 12.1-4)

Parenthetical citation: God promises Abraham...(Holy Bible, Gen. 12.1-4).

5. Foreword, Introduction, Preface, or Afterword (p. 161)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author of Selection's Last Name, First Name. Selection Type. *Title of Book*. By Author of Book's First Name Last Name. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page numbers of entire selection. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Morris, Jan. Introduction. *Letters from the Field, 1925-1975*. By Margaret Mead. New York: Perennial-Harper, 2001. xix-xxiii. Print.

In-text citation: Jan Morris researched Margaret Mead's life...(xx).

Parenthetical citation: Mead writes...(Morris xxii).

6. Work in an Anthology (p. 157)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article or Chapter." *Title of Book*. Ed. Editor's First Name Last Name. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page numbers of the entire article or chapter. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Riley, Glenda. "African American Women in Western History: Past and Prospect." *African American Women Confront the West, 1600-2000*. Eds. Quintard Taylor and Shirley Ann Wilson Moore. Norman, OK: U of Oklahoma P, 2003. 3-21. Print.

In-text citation: Glenda Riley argues...(21).

Parenthetical citation: The American West...(Riley 21).

7. Multivolume Work—One Volume (p. 168)

Format for Works Cited entry: Editor's Last Name, First Name, ed. "Volume Title." *Title of Book*. Vol. no. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Cochran, Thomas C., ed. "Public Finance." *The New American State Papers: 1789-1860*. Vol. 6. Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 1993. Print.

In-text citation: Cochran notes...(613).

Parenthetical citation: Public finance involves...(Cochran 613).

***When using 2 or more volumes, provide the total number of volumes after the title of book ("4 vols.")**

8. Reprinted Article in a Collection (p. 159)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Vol. no. Issue no. (if provided) (Year): Page numbers of entire article. Rpt. in *Title of Book*. Ed. Editor's First Name Last Name. Vol. no. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Page numbers of entire selection.

Example of Works Cited entry: Holladay, Hillary. "Narrative Space in Ann Petry's *Country Place*." *Xavier Review* 16.1 (1996): 21-35. Rpt. in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Ed. Linda Pavlovski and Scott Darga. Vol. 112. Detroit: Gale, 2002. 356-62. Print.

In-text citation: Holladay suggests that Ann Petry...(360).

Parenthetical citation: *Country Place* contains such themes as...(Holladay 357).

9. Government Publication (p. 174)

Format for Works Cited entry: Name of Government. Name of Government Agency. *Title*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: United Nations. Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs. *Industrial Development for the Twenty-First Century: Sustainable Development Perspectives*. New York: United Nations, 2007. Print.

In-text citation: The United Nations reported...(16).

Paraphrased citation: Rapid population growth creates problems like...(United Nations 16).

10. Daily Newspaper Article (p. 141)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Newspaper* [City of publication if not mentioned in name of newspaper] Day Month (Abbreviated) Year: Page numbers of the entire article. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Murphy, Sean P. "Decisions on Status of Tribes Draw Fire." *Boston Globe* 27 Mar. 2001: A2. Print.

In-text citation: Murphy explains the tribes...(A2).

Paraphrased citation: Yesterday's decision...(Murphy A2).

11. Article in a Scholarly Journal (p. 137)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Volume #.Issue # (Year): Page numbers of the entire article. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Wood, Michael. "Broken Dates: Fiction and the Century." *Kenyon Review* 22.3 (2000): 50-64. Print.

In-text citation: Michael Wood points out the connection between...(59).

Paraphrased citation: Fiction often...(Wood 59).

12. Weekly Magazine Article (p. 142)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine* Day Month (Abbreviated) Year: Page numbers of the entire article. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Ratnesar, Romesh. "Not Gone, but Forgotten?: Why Americans Have Stopped Talking about Homelessness." *Time* 8 Feb. 1999: 30-31. Print.

In-text citation: Ratnesar asserts Americans...(30).

Paraphrased citation: Homelessness in America...(Ratnesar 30).

13. Monthly Magazine Article (p. 143)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Magazine* Month (Abbreviated) Year: Page numbers of the entire article. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: Kaplan, Robert D. "History Moving North." *Atlantic Monthly* Feb. 1997: 21-23. Print.

In-text citation: Kaplan observes...(23).

Parenthetical citation: History appears to...(Kaplan 23).

14. Online Journal Article which Also Appears in Print Form (p. 190)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Volume #.Issue # (Year): number of pages or paragraphs (if available). Medium of publication. Day Month (Abbreviated) Year accessed.

Example of Works Cited entry: Dane, Gabrielle. "Reading Ophelia's Madness." *Exemplaria* 10.2 (1998): 19 pars. Web. 22 June 2002.

In-text citation: Gabrielle Dane concludes...(par. 10).

Parenthetical citation: Ophelia went mad because...(Dane).

15. Journal Article from an Online Database (p. 192)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Journal* Volume #.Issue # (Year): Page numbers. *Name of Database*. Medium of publication. Day Month (Abbreviated) Year accessed.

Example of Works Cited entry: Johnson, Kirk. "The Mountain Lions of Michigan." *Endangered Species Update* 19.2 (2002): 27-32. *Expanded Academic Index*. Web. 26 Nov. 2005.

In-text citation: Kirk Johnson believes mountain lions...(27).

Parenthetical citation: Mountain lions are known for...(Johnson 27).

16. Short Work from a Website (p. 184)

Format for Works Cited entry: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Name of Website*. Publisher or Sponsor of site, Date of publication (if provided). Medium of publication. Day Month (Abbreviated) Year accessed.

Example of Works Cited entry: Shiva, Vandana. "Bioethics: A Third World Issue." *NativeWeb*. N.p., n.d. Web. 7 July 2006.

In-text citation: According to Dr. Vandana Shiva, bioethics...

Parenthetical citation: Bioethics is a third-world issue because... (Shiva).

17. Film (p. 197)

Format for Works Cited entry: Title. Dir. Director's First Name Last Name. Perf. Leading actors' First Name Last Name, First Name Last Name, and First Name Last Name. Distributor, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: *Chocolat*. Dir. Lasse Hallström. Perf. Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina, Lena Olin, and Johnny Depp. Miramax, 2001. Film.

In-text citation: Hallström's *Chocolat*...

Parenthetical citation: Johnny Depp plays a charming Gypsie...(Chocolat).

18. Personal Interview, E-mail Interview, or Telephone Interview (p. 202)

Format for Works Cited entry: Name of person interviewed. Personal or E-mail or Telephone interview. Day Month (Abbreviated) Year.

Example of Works Cited entry: Shaikh, Michael. Personal interview. 22 Mar. 2004.

In-text citation: In our interview, Shaikh described...

Parenthetical citation: The World Cup is the most intriguing sports event except for...(Shaikh).

19. Book by a Corporate Author (p. 156)

Format for Works Cited entry: Corporate Author (omit initial articles A, An, The). *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of publication.

Example of Works Cited entry: National Research Council. *Beyond Six Billion: Forecasting the World's Population*. Washington: Natl. Acad., 2000. Print.

In-text citation: The National Research Council finds...(21).

Parenthetical citation: The world's population is expected to increase...(Natl. Research Council 21).

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