

Quick Guide | MLA Style

General Formatting Tips

- * No title page
- * Double spaced
- * 12 point font
- * 1-inch margins on all sides
- * Last name and page number in upper right corner like this:
(Brenner 3)

Creating Works Cited Entries

Print Sources

Each entry should contain the information below in this order, whenever possible. Use the punctuation listed as well.

1. Author.
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date.

Websites

This is the minimum information needed to cite a website:

1. Author and/or editor names (if available).
2. "Article Name." (or title of the specific web page)
3. Title of the website, project, or book in italics,
4. URL (without the https://),
5. Date you accessed the material (Date Accessed).

Citation Examples
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First Page

- * Upper left of document:
 - ⇒Your Name
 - ⇒Instructor's Name
 - ⇒Course
 - ⇒Date
- * Next line: Title of Paper, centered
- * Begin paper on next line

Works Cited Page

- * Separate page at end of document titled "Works Cited."
- * Title is centered at top of page, no italics or quotes.
- * Double space all citations. Do not skip lines in between entries.
- * Indent all lines after the first one in each citation by 0.5 inches to create a hanging indent.
- * List sources in alphabetical order based on the first word of the citation (usually author's last name).
- * Alphabetize works with no known author by title.

In-Text Citations

- * Put at the end of the sentence(s) containing cited information and before the period, like this (Smith 23).
- * Include author(s) last name and the page number, like this (Smith 33-34). OR mention the author in the sentence, like this: In his article, Smith discusses the impact of global warming on polar bears (33-34).
- * More than two authors? Just do this (Smith et al. 45).
- * No author? use abbreviated article title, like this ("Impact of Global Warming" 243).
- * Cite a webpage with the first part of the Works Cited entry that will point the reader to the right source. This is often the website name without the address, like this (EPA.gov).

Source Type	In-Text Citation	Works Cited Entry
Books	(Oakley 55-56)	Oakley, Barbara. <i>A Mind for Numbers: How to excel at math and science (even if you flunked algebra)</i> . Penguin Random House LLC., 2014.
Chapter/essay from a book/anthology	(O'Brien 690)	O'Brien, Tim. "The Things They Carried." <i>Literature: Reading Fiction, Poetry, and Drama</i> , edited by Robert DiYanni, 6th ed., McGraw Hill, 2007, pp. 684-97.
Article from scholarly journal in a database	(Tucker et al. 159) Use this format for more than two authors	Tucker, Virginia M., et al. "Learning Portals: Analyzing Threshold Concept Theory for LIS Education." <i>Journal of Education for Library and Information Science</i> , vol. 55, no. 2, Apr. 2014, pp. 150-65. Academic One File, db12.linccweb.org/login?url=http://go.galegroup.com/=481641178d785366b35d618e23308ebf.
Web Editions of Newspaper & Magazine Articles	(Yi)	Yi, Hongyu. "How Snakes Lost Their Legs." <i>Scientific American</i> , scientificamerican.com/article/how-snakes-lost-their-legs/. Accessed 25 Jan 2018.
Page of a website (no author)	("Athlete's Foot") Use the title or a part of the title when no author is listed.	"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." WebMD, 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview.
Podcast	(Orton & Blennerhassett)	Orton, Tyler, and Patrick Blennerhassett. "Lessons From the Brexit." <i>BIV Podcast</i> , Episode 18, Business Vancouver, 28 June 2016, www.biv.com/article/2016/6/biv-podcast-episode-18-lessons-brexit/. Accessed 2 July 2016.
Blog post	(Naish)	Naish, Darren. "If Bigfoot Were Real." <i>Tetrapod Zoology</i> , Scientific American Blogs, 27 June 2016, blogs.scientificamerican.com/tetrapod-zoology/if-bigfoot-were-real/. Accessed 28 June 2016.
Tweet	(@tombrokaw) Use Twitter Handle	@tombrokaw. "SC demonstrated why all the debates are the engines of this campaign." <i>Twitter</i> , 22 Jan. 2012, 3:06 a.m., twitter.com/tombrokaw/status/160996868971704320.
Streaming Video (ex: YouTube)	(McGonigal)	McGonigal, Jane. "Gaming and Productivity." <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by Big Think, 3 July 2012, www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E.

Sources/Additional Resources

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl>

<http://libguides.chatham.edu/students>