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MLA works cited list entries for nonperiodical publications (pp. 148-81)

A book by two or more authors (pp. 154-56)

Author, Ann A., and Bob B. Author. Title: Subtitle. City: Publisher, Year of publication. Medium of publication.


Note: See page 247 for rules regarding the shortened form of publishers’ names.

Chapter in an edited book or anthology (pp. 157-60)


Article in a reference book (pp. 160-61)

When citing widely used reference books frequently published in a new edition, list the edition (if stated), the year of publication, and the medium of publication.


Note: If the article is unsigned, list the title first.
Unpublished master’s thesis (p. 180)


MLA works cited list entries for journal articles (pp. 137-41)

Journal article in print (p. 140)


Note: No space between volume and issue number.

Journal article retrieved from a database (pp. 192-93)


Newspaper article, nonconsecutive pagination (pp. 141-42)

Magazine article, consecutive pagination (pp. 142-43)

When citing magazine articles, do not include the volume and issue numbers.


MLA works cited list entries for a Web page (pp. 184-87)

Include a URL (Web address) only when the reader cannot locate the page without it or when required by an instructor.

Author, John B. “Title of the Page.” *Title of the Web Site*. Publisher or Sponsor of Web Site, Date of publication (day month year). Medium of publication. Date of access (day month year). <http://web.address>.

Douglass, Patricia. “Standardized Test Preparation: Tips for Teachers.”


Note: If no publication date is shown, use n.d. in parentheses.

Rules for the works cited page.

- Begin on a separate page.
- Do not change the order of authors in each individual work cited.
- Alphabetize the works cited list by the last name of the first author listed in each individual work cited. If there is no author, alphabetize by the title.
- Double-space the works cited list.
- Each work cited entry has a hanging indent in which the first line is out to the left margin. Subsequent lines are indented five spaces (one-half inch).
MLA format for parenthetical references (pp. 214-19)

Paraphrasing: you are required to include the authors’ last names and page number where the information may be found

(Taylor and Green 456)

If no author, abbreviate title (pp. 223-24)

(“Quest for Redemption” 24)

Quotations (pp. 92-94, 102-04): precede formal quotations of less than four lines with a colon and include the author’s last name and page number

An evaluation of the damage was made by Johnson: “The earthquake was a disaster greater than any experienced previously in history” (456).

Note: Quotations of 4 or more lines are placed into a block format.

Rules for citing works by multiple authors (pp. 214-15)

- **2 to 3 authors**: List all authors when you cite the work. (Wagner and Clarke 19)

- **4 or more authors**: Follow one of these forms consistently.

  List the first author followed by et al. (Kern et al. 93)
  
  List all authors. (Kern, Cornwell, Jones and Berry 57)

For more information

*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research papers* (7th edition)

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Purdue University OWL *MLA Formatting and Style Guide*

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

Modern Language Association *MLA Style*

http://www.mla.org/style