MLA DOCUMENTATION STYLE: WORKS CITED PAGE

Most humanities disciplines use Modern Language Association (MLA) style to cite sources. MLA-style documents include brief in-text citations (see quicktip on “MLA Documentation Style: In-Text Citations”) in combination with a more detailed listing of sources in a separate Works Cited page at the end of a document.

The requirements for what to include in Works Cited entries are designed so that another researcher could find and refer to the same sources you’ve included. Below are guidelines adapted from Diana Hacker’s *Pocket Style Manual*, 5th ed., that show the basic principles of most forms of MLA citation:

**Book**

1. Author
2. Title and subtitle
3. City of publication
4. Publisher
5. Date of publication
6. Medium

Example:


**Article (print)**

1. Author
2. Title and subtitle
3. Name of periodical
4. Volume and issue numbers (for scholarly journal)
5. Date or year of publication
6. Page numbers
7. Medium

Example:


**Short work from a website**

1. Author
2. Title of short work
3. Title of website
4. Sponsor of website
5. Update date (“n.d.” if there is no date)
6. Medium
7. Date of access

Example:


**Article from a database**

1. Author
2. Title and subtitle
3. Name of periodical
4. Volume and issue numbers
5. Date or year of publication
6. Page numbers
7. Name of database
8. Medium
9. Date of access

Example:

Here is an example of what an MLA-style works cited page typically looks like. Using standard formats for your entries enhances your credibility with academic readers, and alphabetizing your list helps fellow researchers quickly locate the sources that you refer to in the body of your text. For more formats & source types, visit http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/.

Label your page “Works Cited” in the center of the first line.

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Works Cited


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work in a print anthology

film or video

print book with one author

print book with 2+ authors

translated print book

online government publication

print journal article

work from a database such as Academic Search Premier

online newspaper article

lecture or public address

entire edited print anthology

entire website

short work from a website

= electronic resource
Your works cited page in MLA should appear at the end of the main body of text on a separate page. Each entry should start at the left margin and be listed alphabetically by the author’s last name (note that if there is no author, you can alphabetize by title). For entries that run for more than one line, indent the subsequent line(s) this format is called "hanging indentation." Click "Complete citation." Copy your fully-formatted citation into your MLA works cited list. Repeat the same process for each source that has contributed to your work. As well as making use of the powerful generator, you can cite with our Chrome add on or Word add-on.

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Citing Books
Citing Sections of Books
Citing Periodicals.

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