MLA Formatting: Works Cited

This guide is based on the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th Edition, and Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab. If your instructor has specific requirements for the format of your works cited page or how to cite sources, please check with your professor and follow their guidelines.

In accordance with MLA style, the Works Cited page begins on a separate page after the body of the essay. The following areas of formatting for the Works Cited page are the same as the essay: 1-inch margins, header (your last name and page number) in the upper right corner of the page. Additional formatting information is as follows:

- The words Works Cited are centered on the first line of the page – do not use bold, italics, or quotation marks
- All entries are to be double-spaced
- Entries are listed in alphabetical order
- Entries have a hanging indentation, in which the second line (and all subsequent lines) of each entry is indented one-half inch (.5”)

For a sample Works Cited page, refer to 5.3.3 in the MLA Handbook.

Anatomy of a Works Cited Entry:

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**Book by One Author:**

Last name, First name. *Title of Book in Italics*. Publication City: Publisher, Year. Publication Medium.  
*See above for example; Note: when the publication city is not easily recognizable, you should also include the state.*

**Book with Multiple Authors:**

Last name, First name, and First name Last name. *Title of Book in Italics*. Publication City: Publisher, Year. Publication Medium.  
*Example:* 

**Work in an Anthology or Chapter in a Book:**

Last name, First name. “Title of Chapter or Selection.” *Title of Book or Anthology*. Ed. Editor Name. Publication City: Publisher, Year. page-page. Publication Medium.  
*Example:* 

**Article in a Scholarly Journal (Print Source):**

*Example:* 

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Article in a Scholarly Journal (Online Database):

Example:
*Note: When writing the date of access, note that the date is written DD Month YYYY.

An Entire Website:
Last name, First name (of the editor, author, or compiler, if available). Name of Site. Version number (if available). Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Publication Medium. Date You Accessed Article.

Example:
*Note: When listing date of access or date of creation, abbreviate all months other than May, June, and July.

A Page on a Website:
Last name, First name. “Name of Page.” Name of Site. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Publication Medium. Date of Access.

Example:
*Note: When a date is not available, replace this information with n.d., which means No Date. Also, when an author is not available, the name of page should be the first listing in the entry.

Article in a Magazine:
Last name, First name. “Article Title.” Title of Magazine Day Month Year: page-page. Publication Medium.

Example:

Article in a Newspaper:
Last name, First name. “Article Title.” Title of Newspaper Day Month Year, edition: page number. Publication Medium.

Example:

You Tube Video:
Name of the organization, production company, host, or director. “Title of the Work.” Name of Site. Version number (if available). Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Web. Date of Access.

Example:

An Image (including a painting, sculpture, or photograph):
Last name, First name (of the artist). Title of the Work of Art. Date of Creation. Institution and City where the work is housed. Name of Website. Publication Medium. Date of Access.

Example:

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