

MLA Formatting Guidelines

When creating an MLA Works Cited Page, for each source you use you must:

1. Figure out the *type* of source. [Is it a book? a newspaper article found online? a podcast?]
2. Using the Formatting Guidelines below, find the format to use for that type of source. [If the source you have is NOT listed, check for other types at: irsc.libguides.com/mla]
3. Insert the information from your source, copying the format **exactly** as it is listed.

Things to remember when creating an MLA Works Cited page:

1. List ALL sources that are cited in the text of your essay.
2. Author names are listed: Last name, First name. [Smith, Jane]
3. Alphabetize your list of sources by the authors' last names. [If a source has no author, alphabetize by the first major word listed in the entry.]
4. Titles of sources need all major words capitalized. Words like "A," "An," "The," "To," and "And" are only capitalized when they appear as the first word in a title.
5. Dates are listed: Day Month Year. [15 Sep. 2015]
6. Months are abbreviated to the first three letters, except in the cases of May, June, and July, which should be written in full. [Feb.]
7. Double-space the entire list. Do NOT include extra lines between different sources.
8. Start all entries at the left margin– do NOT indent [TAB].
9. Indent [TAB] only on the second and following lines of an entry.
10. Put a period at the end of each entry.

Pro-Tip: Documentation is all about the DETAILS!

book with one author	Author. <i>Title of Book</i> . Publisher, Year.
(Diaz 17)	Diaz, Junot. <i>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i> . Riverhead, 2008.
book with two authors	Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. <i>Title of Book</i> . Publisher, Year.
(Wilson and Smith 7)	Wilson, Charles, and Eric Smith. <i>Everything You Didn't Need To Know About Fast Food</i> . Houghton Mifflin, 2010.
book with three or more authors	Last Name, First Name, et al. <i>Title of Book</i> . Publisher, Year.
(Hendricks et al. 99)	Hendricks, Mikail, et. al. <i>How To Do Just About Anything</i> . Crown, 1989.
article in a magazine [found in a database]	Author. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Magazine</i> , Day Month Year, pages. <i>Database</i> .
(Sanders 19)	Sanders, Julia. "Black Panthers in Chicago." <i>Time</i> , 25 Mar. 2015, pp.17-21. <i>Opposing Viewpoints in Context (Gale)</i> .

article in newspaper [found online]	Author. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Newspaper</i> , Day Month Year. URL.
(Knowles)	Knowles, Blue I. "Having Famous Parents." <i>New York Times</i> , 1 Jan. 2018. www.nytimes.com/hjkeui31h .
article in a scholarly journal [found in a database]	Author. "Title of Article." <i>Title of Journal</i> , Volume, Issue, Month Year, pages. <i>Database</i> .
(Martino 376-377)	Martino, Briana. "Madness at Home." <i>Feminist Studies</i> , vol. 22, no. 7, pp. 376-391. <i>Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)</i> .
article in a periodical with no author [found in a database or online]	"Title." <i>Title of Periodical</i> , Day Month Year, pages. <i>Database</i> or URL.
("Beat the System" 22)	"Beat the System: Ways to Not Pay Your Taxes." <i>The Economist</i> , Mar. 2007, 22-23. <i>Opposing Viewpoints in Context (Gale)</i> .
page on a website	"Title of Webpage." <i>Website</i> , Day Month Year, URL.
("Contraception Options")	"Contraception Options." <i>Planned Parenthood</i> , 25 Feb. 2016, www.ppa.org/contraception/options.html
movie or documentary	<i>Title</i> . Director, Performers, Movie Studio, Year.
(<i>Bring It On</i>)	<i>Bring It On</i> . Directed by Peyton Reed, performances by Kirsten Dunst and Eliza Dushku, Universal Pictures, 2000.
podcast	"Title of Episode." <i>Title of Podcast</i> , Day Month Year, URL.
("JFK Conspiracy Theories")	"JFK Conspiracy Theories." <i>Untold Histories</i> , Dec. 2014, www.serialpodcast.org/untoldhistories/jfkconspiracytheories.html
government document	Name of Country, Government Agency/Department. <i>Title of Document</i> . Publisher, Year.
(United States, Congress, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources 12).	United States, Congress, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. <i>Hearing on the Geopolitics of Oil</i> . Government Printing Office, 2007.