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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)


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Unpublished master’s thesis (p. 180)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)

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Note: No space between volume and issue number.

Journal article retrieved from a database, paginated by issue (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>.


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*
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