



MLA Works Cited Page

On the backside of this handout 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.

Keep in mind a few more formatting rules:

- Begin your works cited page on a new page; it will be the last page of your essay.
- The page must have one inch margins on each side.
- Double space the works cited page and use hanging indents.
- Alphabetize the entries based on the first segment of information in the entry. (i.e. If you don't have the author's name, begin the entry with the work's title)
- All titles that would have previously been underlined are now italicized. No titles are underlined in the newest edition of MLA.
- Please see the 8th Edition MLA Rule Changes handout for more detailed explanations of changes to MLA.

To look into specific MLA citation questions, go to The MLA Style Center at style.mla.org or search Google for the Purdue OWL: MLA Formatting and Style Guide.

A note about URLs: MLA recommends using the URL for online sources. However, if your instructor prefers that you not use it, follow his or her instructions. If a stable URL (sometimes called a permalink) is available, use that. Some publishers assign a digital object identifier (DOI) to their publications. When possible, citing a DOI is preferable to citing a URL.

Please note that the information in brackets on the following page IS NOT PART OF THE CITATION! We have listed in brackets the type of source; you will not need to do this when you create your works cited page.

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