MLA In-Text Citations & Works Cited
9th Edition

MLA style is primarily used in English and Humanities. It consists of two parts: a list of works cited and in-text citations within the text of your essay.

MLA requires researchers to locate all "core elements" provided for a source and list them in the following order with the accompanying punctuation:

1. Author	The person or organization that created the source
2. Title of Source	The specific name of the source. Book titles are in italics but article titles, chapter titles, episode titles, etc. are in quotation marks.
3. Title of Container	When the source forms a part of a larger whole, the larger whole can be thought of as a container that holds the source.
4. Other Contributors	Editors, directors, translators, narrators, performers
5. Version	Edition [updated, expanded, 7th, etc.], cut [film], version [King James]
6. Number	Volume, number – vol. 1, no.5
7. Publisher	Organization responsible for producing the source
8. Publication Date	Date that the source/container was published
9. Location	Page number, chapter, section, DOI, website URL or permalink Note: Access dates are optional, check with your instructor.

Title Page

MLA does not require you to create a cover page when you complete your research paper, but some instructors may require it.

Title Page Requirements:

- A header in the upper right-hand corner: give your last name, followed by a space with the page number. This should be included on all pages, one-half inch from the top.
- Your name, instructor's name, the course, and the due date should be the first four lines of the document.
- Right after, add the title on a new, double-spaced line and center it.
- Add a double space after the title and start with the first line of the text.

Sample Title Page

If your instructor asks for a title page, include the following:
- University/school's name
- Title of the paper
- The subtitle, if you have one
- Your name
- Course name and number
- Professor's Name
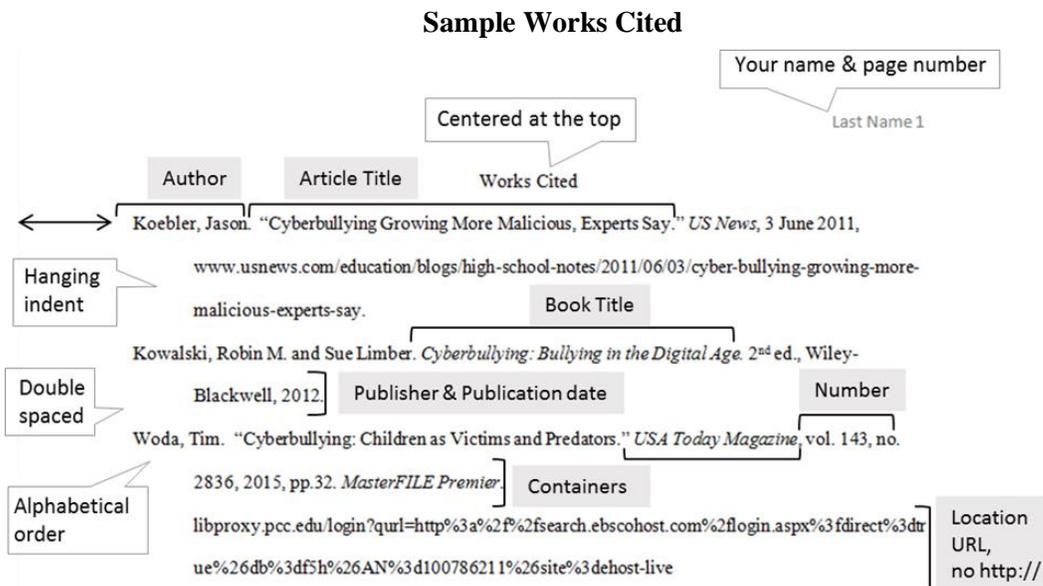- Due date

Sample Title Page

Works Cited

In MLA, a Works Cited is a list of all the sources you have used to research your paper. The list of sources used appears on a separate page at the end of an essay. It is titled (centered, no quotation marks, no underline):

When formatting a Works Cited, you must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The list of sources should be arranged alphabetically by the author's last name, or if there is no author, by the first word in the title. When arranging the list ignore, but do not omit, "The", "An" or "A" at the beginning of the title.

2. After the first line, each entry is indented ½ inch. This is called a hanging indent.

3. Each entry presents information in a specific order: the author's name, the title, the publication information.

4. Double-space the entire list, both between and within entries.

5. Each citation in a Works Cited lists ends with a period.

6. Citations must appear both in the text of your paper (in-text citations) and in the works cited list at the end of your paper.

With a few exceptions, the punctuation for citations in the works cited list is restricted to commas and periods and follows a format. Periods are used after the author, after the title of the source, and at the end of the information for each source. Commas are used in the author's name and between elements within each container.

Sample Works Cited

Documentation Formats

Books

Book (one author)	**Works Cited** Author Last Name, First Name. *Book Title*. Publisher, Publication Year. **Example:** Alexis, Andre. *Fifteen Dogs: An Apologue*. Coach House Books, 2015. **In-Text Citation** (Last Name page number) **Example:** (Alexis 58)
Book (two authors)	**Works Cited** Author Last Name, First Name and Author First Name, Last Name. *Book Title*. Publisher, Publication Year. **Example:** Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. *The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Allyn and Bacon, 2000. **In-Text Citation** (Author #1 Last Name and Author #2 Last Name) **Example:** (Gillespie and Lerner 34)
Book (three or more authors)	**Works Cited** Author's Last Name, First Name, et al. *Book Title*. Publisher, Publication Year. **Example:** Guttman, B., et al. *Genetics: A Beginner's Guide*. Oneworld, 2002. **In-Text Citation** (Author #1 Last name et al. page number) **Example:** (Guttman et al. 77)
Chapters and Works in Anthologies with an Author	**Works Cited** Author Last name, First Name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*, edited by Editor Name(s). Publisher, Publication Year, pp. xxx-xxx (page range of entry). **Example:**

	Brant, Beth. "Coyote Learns a New Trick." *An Anthology of Canadian Native Literature in English*, edited by Daniel David Moses and Terry Goldie, Oxford UP, 1992, pp. 148-150. **In-Text Citation** (Author Last Name page number) **Example:** (Brant 149)

Journal Articles

Journal Article (one author)	**Works Cited** Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol., issue no., Publication Year, pp. xxx-xxx (page range). **Example:** Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England*."* *Historical Journal*, vol. 50, no. 1, 2007, pp. 173-96 **In Text Citation** (Last Name page number) **Example:** (Langhamer 175)
Journal Article (two authors)	**Works Cited** Author Last Name, First Name and First Name Last Name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title, vol., issue no., Publication Year,* pp. xxx-xxx (page range). **Example:** Conatser, Phillip, and Martin Block. "Aquatic Instructors' Beliefs Toward Inclusion." *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2001, pp. 170-184. **In-Text Citation** (Author #1 Last Name and Author #2 Last Name page number) **Example:** (Conatser and Block 177)
Journal Article (three or more authors)	**Works Cited** Author #1 Last Name, First Name, et al. "Title of Article." *Journal Title, vol., issue no.,* pp. xxx-xxx (page range). **Example:** Westhues, Adam, et. al. "A SWOT Analysis of Social Work Education in Canada." *Social Work Education,* vol. 20, no. 1 pp. 35-56.

	In-Text Citation (Author #1 Last name et al. page number) **Example:** (Westhues et. al. 42)
Journal Article from Library Database with DOI	**Works Cited** Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article" *Name of Journal*, vol., issue no., Date of Publication, pp. xxx-xxx (page range). *Name of Database,* doi:DOI number. **Example:** Guillen, Jorge. "Does Financial Openness Matter in the Relationship Between Financial Development and Income Distribution in Latin America?" *Emerging Markets Finance & Trade*, vol. 52, no. 5, 2016, pp. 1145-1155. *Business Source Complete,* doi:10.1080/1540496X.2015.1046337. **In-Text Citation** (Author Last Name page number) **Example:** (Guillen 1146)

Online Articles

Article (found on web page)	**Works Cited** Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article:" *Publisher,* Date of publication, URL **Example:** Miller, Laura. "The Evolutionary Argument for Dr. Seuss." *Salon*, 18 May 2009, www.salon.com/2009/05/18/evocriticism/. **In-Text Citation** (Author Last Name) **Example:** (Miller)
Website (known author)	**Works Cited** Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Website*, Date of copyright or date last modified/updated, URL. **Example:** Mabillard, Amanda. *Shakespeare Online,* 29 Dec. 2011, www.shakespeare-online.com **In-Text Citation** (Author's Last Name)

	Example: (Mabillard)
Website/web page (unknown author)	**Works Cited** "Title of Page or Document." *Title of Website*, Date of copyright or date last modified/updated, URL. **Example:** "How to Teach Yourself Guitar." *eHow*, www.ehow.com/how_5298173_teach-yourself-guitar.html. **In-Text Citation** ("Title of Page or Document") **Example:** ("How to Teach")
Blog Post	**Works Cited** Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Blog Post." *Name of Blog,* Blog Network/Publisher if given, Day Month Year of blog post, URL. **Example:** Naish, Darren. "If Bigfoot Were Real." *Tetrapod Zoology*, Scientific American Blogs, 27 June 2016, blogs.scientificamerican.com/tetrapod-zoology/if-bigfoot-were-real/. **In-Text Citation** (Author's Last Name) **Example:** (Naish)

* Note: The ninth edition of MLA does not require that you include a date of access—the date on which you consulted a source—when you cite an online work from a reliable, stable source. However, you may include an access date as an optional element if it will be useful to others.

Film and Videos

Film	**Works Cited** *Title of Movie*. Contributor(s). Publisher/Production Company, Year of Release. **Example:** *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. Directed by Wes Anderson. Performance by Ralph Fiennes, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2014. **In-Text Citation** (*Title of Movie* Start Time of Relevant Section-End Time of Section)

	Example: (*Grand Budapest* 01:18:29-49) **Note:** Typically films, television episodes, and other performances have many contributors. After the title, list the contributors most relevant to your project. Most common contributors listed include directors, creators, and performers.
Film from a Streaming Video Service (Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, etc.)	**Works Cited** *Title of Movie.* Contributor(s). Publisher/Production Company, Year of Release. *Name of Streaming Service.* **Example:** *Coraline.* Directed by Henry Selick, screenplay by Henry Selick and Neil Gaiman, Laika, 2009. *Netflix.* **In-Text Citation** (*Title of Movie* Start Time of Relevant Section-End Time of Section) **Example:** (*Coraline* 1:25:15-01:40:05)
Television Episode from a Streaming Video Service (Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, etc.)	**Works Cited** "Title of Episode." *Title of TV Series,* Contributors Name(s), season, episode, Production Company, Year of Release, *Name of Streaming Service.* **Example:** "The Gathering." *Outlander,* developed by Ronald D. Moore, performances by Caitriona Balfe and Sam Heughan, season 1, episode 4, Left Bank Picture/Sony Pictures Television Production, 2014. *Netflix.* **In-Text Citation** ("Title of Episode" Start Time of Relevant Section-End Time of Section) **Example:** ("The Gathering" 05:34-05:56)
YouTube Videos	**Works Cited** Last Name, First Name of video creator or Username of Creator. "Title of Video." *Title of the Hosting Website*, uploaded by Username, Day Month Year of Publication, URL of video. **Example:** Sethi, Ramit. "How to Write a Winning Resume, With Ramit Sethi." *YouTube*, uploaded by I Will Teach You to Be Rich, 23 June 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0fjkKCsM1w. **Note:** If the video creator is unknown, begin the citation with the title of the video. **In-Text Citation**

	If video creator is known: (Last Name of Video Creator Start Time of Relevant Section-End Time of Section) **Example:** (Sethi 00:03:30-00:04:16) **If video creator is unknown:** ("Words from Title" Start Time of Relevant Section-End Time of Section) **Example:** ("How to Write a Winning Resume" 02:40-03:25)

Interviews and Podcasts

Interviews	**Works Cited** Last Name of Person Who Was Interviewed, First Name. Interview. By Interviewer First Name Last Name. Day Month Year of interview. **Example:** Myers, Elizabeth. Interview. By Bob Jones. 12 Mar. 2016. **In-Text Citation** (Last Name of Person Who Was Interviewed) **Example:** (Myers)

Podcast	**Works Cited**
	Host's Last Name, First Name, host(s). "Title of Podcast Episode." *Title of Overall*
	        Podcast, Season Number if given, Episode Number if given, Web Site Hosting if
	        Different From Podcast Title, Day Month Year of Episode, URL of Episode.
	
	Example:
	Orton, Tyler, and Patrick Blennerhassett, hosts. "Lessons From the Brexit." *BIV Podcast*,
	        episode 18, Business Vancouver, 28
	        June 2016, www.biv.com/article/2016/6/biv-podcast-episode-18-lessons-brexit/
	
	In-Text Citation
	(Host's Last Name Start Time of Relevant Section-End Time of Section)
	
	Example: (Orton and Blennerhassett 01:15-02:22)