The Works Cited Page – MLA Format

Basic Rules

- Begin your Works Cited page on a separate page at the end of your paper. It should have the same one-inch margins and last name, page number header as the rest of your paper.

- Label the page Works Cited (do not underline the words Works Cited or put them in quotation marks) and center the words Works Cited at the top of the page.

- Only list the works you actually cite—quote or paraphrase from—in the text of your paper. Only list works that you consulted but do not actually cite from if your instructor asks you for a bibliography.

- Works should be listed in alphabetical order by author’s last name. If the work you are citing has no author listed, it should be listed by title.

- Double space all citations, but do not skip spaces between entries.

- List page numbers of sources efficiently, when needed. If you refer to a journal article that appeared on pages 225 through 250, list the page numbers on your Works Cited page as 225-50.

- You must always specify whether a source is a print source or a web source in your citation.

Capitalization and Punctuation

- Capitalize each word in the titles of articles, books, etc, but do not capitalize articles, short prepositions, or conjunctions unless one is the first word of the title or subtitle: *Gone with the Wind, The Art of War, There Is Nothing Left to Lose*

- Put titles of larger works in italics (books, magazines), use quotation marks for titles of shorter works (poems, articles)

Listing Author Names

Entries are listed by author name (or, for entire edited collections, editor names). Author names are written last name first; middle names or middle initials follow the first name:

Hoagland, Tony

Rilke, Ranier Maria
Vaughan, Brian K.

When citing more than one work by the same author, do not continue to list the author’s name. Instead, each work after the first should be listed as three dashes, followed by a period. See the sample Works Cited page for an example.

**Books**

The basic form for a book citation is:

Last name, First name. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

*Book with One Author*


*Book with More Than One Author*

The only difference between the citation for a book with more than one author and a book with one author is that when you have more than one author, the first author’s name is written last name first, and subsequent author names are written first name, last name.


*A Work in an Anthology or Collection*

Book parts include an essay in an edited collection or anthology, or a chapter of a book. The basic form is:

Last name, First name. “Title of Essay.” *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor’s Name(s). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Pages. Print.


**An Article in a Scholarly Journal**


**An Article from an Electronic Subscription Service**

When citing material accessed via an electronic subscription service (e.g., a database or online collection your library subscribes to), cite the relevant publication information as you would for a periodical (author, article title, periodical title, and volume, date, and page number information) followed by the word *web* to show that it was accessed online, and then the date of access.


**A Page on a Web Site**

Author (if known). “Name of Article.” *Name of Site.* Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sometimes found in copyright statements) Date of Posting/Revision. Web. Date you accessed the site.

What follows is an example of a correctly formatted Works Cited page.

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