



Some MLA Reminders

- ⇒ List all sources on your Works Cited page in alphabetical order according to the author's last name. If no author is listed, use the title of the document.
- ⇒ Works Cited pages should be double-spaced.
- ⇒ Make sure that your Works Cited page has hanging indents of half an inch if the source takes up more than one line.
- ⇒ If a source has no date, make sure you use the abbreviation "n.d."
- ⇒ For sources published by an organization or corporation, list the organization as author.
- ⇒ If you use a source in your paper, it must be listed on the Works Cited page.

Helpful MLA Sources

Modern Language Association. 2011. Web. 30 June 2011.

Russell, Tony, Allen Brizee, Elizabeth Angeli, Russell Keck, Joshua M. Paiz, Michelle Campbell, Rodrigo Rodriguez-Fuentes, Daniel P. Kenzie, Susan Wegnener, Maryam Ghafoor, and Purdue OWL Staff "MLA Formatting and Style Guide." *The Purdue OWL*. Purdue U Writing Lab, 4 Apr. 2010, <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>



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In-Text Citations

An in-text citation is used within the text of the paper to denote which specific source was used. The following information should be included in an in-text citation: (author and page number). Here is an example:

“Participants in the study revealed that 88% of their anxieties resulted from inhospitable treatment by doctors and nurses” (Davidson 44).

If you use a signal phrase to announce the author in the sentence, it is not needed in parenthesis.

e.g., Davidson states, “Participants in the study revealed that 88% of their anxieties resulted from inhospitable treatment by doctors and nurses” (44).

When referencing a work by **two three authors**, always cite all authors: (Gouldman and Lewis 165).

When referencing a work by four or more authors, the first author’s name with the “et al.” notation may be used for all citations: (Brown et al 14).

The Works Cited Page

When creating a Works Cited page, you will want to follow the order below. If any of the following does not apply to your source, you can omit those and move on to the next piece.

1	Author.
2	Title of Source.
3	Title of Container,
4	Other Contributors,
5	Version,
6	Number,
7	Publisher,
8	Publication Date,
9	Location.

Here’s an example of how a book would be cited.

Kirsznner, Laurie G. and Stephen R. Mandell. *Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide*. 9th ed. Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2004.

When you are a work that is part of a larger work (ex. a story located in a book, an article in a newspaper), you can think of the larger work as a container that holds the smaller work.

You can add as many containers as are necessary. For instance, a chapter from a book would be in one container, the book. However, a journal article located on a database would have two containers. The journal article would be located in the journal it was published in, which would be located within a database. Below are some examples.

Chapter/Section of Book:

Tan, Amy. “Mother Tongue.” *Patterns for College Writing: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide*. 9th ed. Ed. Laurie G. Kirsznner and Stephen R. Mandell. Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2004. 462-469.

Newspaper/Magazine Article:

Barcott, Bruce. “Pipeline Through Paradise.” *National Geographic*, August 2011. 54-65.

Journal Article in Print:

Archer, Arlene. “Dealing with Multimodal Assignments in Writing Centers.” *The Writing Lab Newsletter*, 35.9-10 (2011): 10-13.

Webpage Taken from Website:

Russell, Tony, Allen Brizee, Elizabeth Angeli, Russell Keck, Joshua M. Paiz, Michelle Campbell, Rodrigo Rodriguez-Fuentes, Daniel P. Kenzie, Susan Wegnener, Maryam Ghafoor, and Purdue OWL Staff “MLA Formatting and Style Guide.” *The Purdue OWL*. Purdue U Writing Lab, 4 Apr. 2010, <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Journal Article on Database:

Clarence, Sherran. “Making Inter-Disciplinary Spaces for Talk about Change in Student Writing and Literacy Development.” *Teaching in Higher Education*, 17.2 (2012): 127-137. *Academic Search Complete*, <http://eds.b.ebscohost.com.db11.lincweb.org/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?sid=d88224dd-68d0-4990-803b-58287e26840b%40sessionmgr120&vid=4&hid=111>.

NOTE: For more information on MLA Format see the *Little Seagull Handbook*, Purdue OWL, and the *MLA Handbook*, 8th ed.

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