• This is a select list of examples and reflects the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (8th ed.)

• Sources you are using for your research may differ substantially from these examples.

• We strongly recommend checking the *MLA Handbook* for further guidance (available in most of the WMU Libraries reference collections at call number LB 2369.G53).

• **Works Cited** items are listed alphabetically at the end of the research paper.

• **Parenthetical references** (also called *in-text citations*) appear in the body of the paper and refer to items in the **Works Cited** list.

In the 7th edition of the MLA Handbook, a separate set of citation instructions was given for each format type. The problem with this approach is that there is no way to anticipate all format types a student may encounter.

To solve this problem, the new, 8th edition of the MLA Handbook provides a universal set of guidelines (or "Core Elements") for citing sources across all format types:

**Core Elements**

Each entry in the list of works cited is composed of facts common to most works—the MLA core elements. They are assembled in a specific order:

1. Author.
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container.
4. Other contributors.
5. Version.
6. Number.
7. Publisher.
8. Publication date.
9. Location.
Book with One Author

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Grady 176)

Book with Two or Three Authors

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Petersen and Rehak 12)

Book Translated or With Other Contributors

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Barthes 26)

Anthology

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Yarshater 15)

Work in an Anthology

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Covell 220)

Note: In the 8th edition, the city of publication is omitted.

Authors should be listed in the same order they are listed on the title page. For more than three authors, use: (Petersen et al.)

Other common descriptions include: Adapted by, Directed by, Edited by, Illustrated by, Introduction by, Narrated by, Performed by. In the eighth edition, terms like editor, illustrator, translator, etc., are no longer abbreviated... are no longer abbreviated.
Work Previously Published Independently and Now in an Anthology

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Frye 19)

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Journal Article in Print

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Keegan 59)

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Magazine Article in Print

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Wigley 48)

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Newspaper Article in Print

Works Cited:


Parenthetical Reference: (Hotz A3)

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Electronic Books from a Database (5.6.2)

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Bloom 143)
Electronic Book from an E-reader such as Kindle or Nook

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Doer, location 17, par. 2).

Electronic Book or Excerpt from Google Books:

Works Cited:


Google Books,
books.google.com/books?id=x5xPaPeZzmUC&lpg=PP1&dq=zombies&pg=PP1#v=onep
age&q=zombies&f=false.

Parenthetical Reference: (Austen and Grahme-Smith)

Electronic Article from a Database:

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Miller 238)

Review of a Book, Movie or Play

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (Stevenson)

A DOI, or digital object identifier, is a series of digits that locates an online source. Articles in journals are often assigned DOIs to ensure that the source is locatable, even if the URL changes. If your source is listed with a DOI, use that instead of a URL.

If the article is only 1 page, do not include the page number in the Parenthetical Reference.
Web Home Page

Works Cited:


*Parenthetical Reference:* (Fenichel)

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Document from a Website with Known Author, Title and Publisher

Works Cited:


*Parenthetical Reference:* (Fessler)

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Document from a Website with Known Title

Works Cited:


*Parenthetical Reference:* ("Utah Mine Rescue Funeral")

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Document from a Website with No Known Author or Title

Works Cited:


*Parenthetical Reference:* ("English Department")
Tweet

Works Cited:
@realDonaldTrump. “Wow, the Fake News media did everything in its power to make Republican Healthcare victory look as bad as possible. Far better than Ocare!” Twitter, 5 May 2017, 4:22 p.m., twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/860635815277453313.

Parenthetical Reference: In the main text of the paper, a tweet is cited in its entirety.

Film (DVD or theater)

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (It Happened One Night)

Television Show on Streaming Platform

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (“A Fish Out of Water”)

YouTube Video

Works Cited:

Parenthetical Reference: (“Jedi Kittens Strike Back”)
Sample Works Cited Page

General rules for formatting Works Cited Page for MLA. (5.3.2)

1. Begin Works Cited list on new page and number each page. (Continue the page numbering from the paper.)
2. Begin at left margin (1” in) from the top of the page.
3. Center the title “Works Cited.”
4. Indent ½ inch on the second line of the citation(s).
5. Double-space between the “Works Cited” titles and the list and within/between entries.
6. List entries in alphabetical order by author last name.
7. Double-space entries.
8. The Works Cited page does not need page numbers for books but the parenthetical citation does.

Works Cited

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