MLA Style for Citing Print Resources


Basic Format of your Paper:

Center the words Works Cited at the top of the page

Include your last name and the page number

Double space entries and use a hanging indent so that all lines except the first line of an entry are indented

Alphabetize entries by the first word (excluding articles like the, a, an).

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The MLA core elements for a citation are listed in this order:

1. Author’s name. If no author name is given, start the citation with the title.
2. “Title of source.” The title of journal articles, book chapters, etc. are placed in quotation marks.
3. Title of container, Italicize the work title followed by a period (or a comma when citing articles).
4. Other contributors, If there is an editor of the container use the words: edited by
5. Version, Especially for books include the abbreviation of the version or edition such as: 2nd ed.
6. Number, Use the abbreviations vol. for volume and no. for number.
7. Publisher, Don’t include words such as company, limited or LLC. Use UP for University Press.
8. Date of publication, Months may be abbreviated.
9. Location. Use p. for one page number or pp. for a range of page numbers.

Examples:

Book by a Single Author


Book by Two Authors

**Book by Three or More Authors**

**Anonymous Book**

**Work from an Anthology**

**Article in a Reference Book**

**Entry in a Dictionary**

**Article in a Scholarly Journal**

**Article in a Magazine**

**Article in a Newspaper**

**Editorial**

**Letter to the Editor**

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