

MLA 8 In-text Citation and Works Cited Guide

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What is it? This guide to the MLA describes the formatting of the two components that acknowledge the external sources used in the writing of an academic paper. These are: (a) the parenthetical notes (i.e., citations) in the body of a paper and (b) the list of sources referred to (i.e. works cited), located on a separate page at the end of the paper.

How should it look? The in-text citation appears in parentheses, following either a direct quotation or paraphrase, and generally consists of the author(s)' family name(s) and the page number from which information was obtained. Alternatively, it is also possible to refer to the author in a sentence and include only the page number in the parentheses.

For the sources (i.e., bibliography) listed on a separate page at the end of a paper, these should be entitled "Works Cited", centered at the top of the page, with the sources listed below in alphabetical order. Each entry should be double-spaced and hanging-indented for two or more lines of information. In general, each source is listed in the following order: (1) Author(s), (2) Title of quoted source, (3) Title of container of source (A container is a larger work containing your cited source - ex. textbook, anthology, journal, etc.), (4) Other contributors (ex. edited by), (5) Volume (if possible), (6) Number (if possible), (7) Version (2nd ed.), (8) Publisher name, (9) Date published, (10) Page number or URL/DOI.

For complete guidelines, consult *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (8th edition). You can also refer to Purdue Online Writing Lab (<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>) for more detailed information on MLA 8 citations and paper format.

Remember that correctness in details of citations will demonstrate your effort and reliability as a scholar!

Type of Source	Work Cited Example	In-text Example
A Book by a Single Author	DuBois, Andrew. <i>Ashbery's Forms of Attention</i> . U of Alabama P, 2006.	(DuBois 98)
A Chapter in a Book by Two Authors	Dolan, Neal and Laura Jane Wey. "Emerson and China." <i>A Power to Translate the World: New Essays on Emerson and International Culture</i> , edited by David LaRocca and Ricardo Miguel-Alfonso, Dartmouth College P, 2015, pp. 236–248.	(Dolan and Wey 240)
A Source by Three or More Authors	Johnston, Nancy, et al. "How to Measure Complex Learning Processes: The Nature of Learning in Cooperative Education." <i>Handbook for Research in Cooperative Education and Internship</i> . Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2004, pp. 157–190. *Note: "et al." is shortened Latin phrase that means "and others." Thus, use the phrase in in-text citations of sources with more than two authors and/or in the Works Cited page.	(Johnston et al. 163)

A Visual Work of Art	Rocan, Mélanie. <i>Levitation</i> . 2012. Doris McCarthy Gallery, Scarborough, ON.	(Rocan)
Poem / Poetry	Lord Parker, James. "Cigarette Incense." <i>Scarborough Fair</i> , vol. 16, Scarborough: U of Toronto P, 2016, pp. 17. * Note: There are no specific guidelines to cite a poem in MLA. Instead, cite the poem in the context in which you found it. For instance, if you want to cite a poem from a book, use the "chapter in a book" form to properly cite the poem.	(Lord Parker 17)
Lectures	Liddle, Kathy. "Mass Culture Theory." <i>Media & Society</i> . U of Toronto Scarborough. 18 Sept. 2016. Lecture.	(Liddle)
Interviews/ Youtube/ TED Talk	Leonard, Garry. <i>Reading poetry in the age of anxiety - the only way to live: Garry Leonard at TEDxUTSC</i> . <i>YouTube</i> , 21 Jan. 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKauXfHAZaU	(Leonard 00:04:11)* *Note: time coding
Journal Article		
Online:	Mullen, Ann. "Gender, Social Background, And The Choice of Major in a Liberal Arts Context." <i>Gender & Society</i> , vol. 28, no. 2, 2014, pp. 289-312. doi:10.1177/0891243213512721.	(Mullen 299)
From a Database:	Glass, Loren. "Nobody's Renown: Plagiarism and Publicity in the Career of Jack London." <i>American Literature</i> , vol. 71, no. 3, 1999, pp. 529-49. <i>JSTOR</i> , www.jstor.org/stable/2902738 .	(Glass 534)
Websites		
Entire Site:	<i>The Underground</i> , University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, www.the-underground.ca . Accessed 14 Apr. 2016.	(The Underground)
Page on a Website:	Doctorow, Cory. "University of Toronto Upholds 'Alternative Medicine' Course That Denied Vaccines, Taught 'Quantum Medicine.'" <i>Boing Boing</i> , Federated Media Publishing, 12 July 2016, boingboing.net/2015/07/13/university-of-toronto-upholds.html . Accessed 19 Mar. 2017.	(Doctorow)