Basic MLA “Works Cited” Format Guide

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*(This guide contains sample citations by NCC Librarians following the MLA Handbook 7th ed.)*

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# Multi-Media Resources

## Broadcast Television or Radio Show

**Example:**

**Format:**
“Title of Episode.” *Name of program or series*. Network Name. Call letters of the station, City. Date of broadcast. Publication medium.

## Films or Movies

**Example:**

<http://www.loc.gov/item/00694373>.

**Format:**
*Film Title*. Dir. First name Last Name. Distributor, year of release. *Title of the Web site*.

Web. Day Month Year of access. <optional URL>.

## Recorded Television Show

**Example:**

**Format:**
“Episode name.” *Series name*. Title of the collection of records. Distributor or producer, date of production. Medium of publication.

## Sound Recordings

**Example:**

**Format:**
Performer name (last name, first) or band. “Name of song.” *Album title*. Publisher.

Publication date if known. Medium.

## Streaming Media

**Example:**

**Format:**
*Title*. Distributor, Date. *Database*. Medium of Publication. Date you accessed film.
| Cartoons or Illustrations | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
<optional URL>. |
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| Image, Painting, Photograph or Sculpture | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
Artist Last Name, First. *Work of art title.* Date of creation. Institution, city where work is housed or displayed. Website. Medium. Date of access. |
| Photograph from museum or collection | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
Last Name, First. Photograph Title. Year Created. Medium. Museum/Collection Name, City. |
| Interview (in person) | **Example:**  
Werner, Arlette. Personal interview. 23 Sept. 2014.  
**Format:**  
Last name, First of person interviewed. Type of interview. Date interview took place. |
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| **Periodical and Journal Articles** | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
| **Web and Internet Resources** | **Example:**  
<www.wired.com/wired/archive/15.02/enemy.html>.  
**Format:**  
Author Last name, First. “Article Title.” *Journal Title.* Date. Medium of Publication. Date of access. <optional URL>. |
| **Article from Magazine or Online Journal** | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
Author. “Subject of email.” To whom the email was sent. Date email was sent. Medium. |
| **Entire website** | **Example:**  
The *Purdue OWL Family of Sites*. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008.  
**Format:**  
Editor, author, or compiler name if available. *Name of Site.* Version number. Name of institution/site owner, date of resource creation if available. Medium of publication. Date of access. |
| Image from a website | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
Name of Artist. *Title of work*. Medium of work. Name of institution where art is found. Date of creation. Date of access. &lt;optional URL&gt;. |
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| Online Government Document | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
Last, First name of person who created the site if available and use et al. if more than two authors. Name of Institution or organization associated with site if available. *Title of Site*. Date of Information. Medium of publication. Day information was accessed. &lt;Optional URL&gt;.
| Page on a website | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
Editor/Author/Compiler if available. *Name of Site*. Version Number. Instruction/organization, date of creation. Medium of publication. Date accessed. |
| Online journal article from database | **Example:**  
**Format:**  
Author's last name, first. "Title of the journal article:subtitle if there is one." *Name of Journal volume.issue (Year). Pages. Database name*. Web. Day Month Year article was read. |
### Podcast

**Example:**

**Format:**
Last name, First of Author. “Title of Podcast.” *Name of Website or Program series if available.* Organization. Date of Publication. Date accessed.

### Tweet

**Example:**
NCCBakerLibrary. “Attend a panel discussion on 9/22 from 1-2:20 PM in the Forum. The focus will be on comics and graphic novels.” 17 Sept. 2014, 11:35 a.m. Tweet.

**Format:**
Twitter Username. “Entire tweet.” Date and time of posting in reader’s time zone. Tweet.

### YouTube

**Example:**
NCCTV78. “About Film & TV1 Class @ Norwalk Community College.” Online video clip. *YouTube.* YouTube, 05 Nov. 2013. Web. 17 Sept. 2014.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jb0W9lIUVfk&index=5&list=PL18R1BIFYeBR-9cm9sR3nof_O0XphmDO4>

**Format:**
Author’s name or username of person who uploaded video. “Title of video.” Media type. *Name of website.* Name of website publisher, date of posting. Medium. Date viewed. <optional URL>. 
In-Text Citations

Why is "In-text" Citation Necessary?
The parenthetical reference "(Townsend 10)" indicates that the quotations come from page 10 of a work by Townsend. Given the author’s last name, your readers can find complete publication information for the source in the alphabetically arranged list of works cited that follows the text of your paper (MLA Handbook 214).

Another reason "in-text" citation is necessary is to avoid plagiarism. Plagiarizing as defined by Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, available in Credo Reference:

"to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's production) without crediting the source" (Merriam).

What Information is Required?
"References in the text must clearly point to specific sources in the list of works cited" (MLA Handbook 214).

"Identify the location of the borrowed information as specifically as possible" (215).

Give only the information needed to identify the source. Try to be brief. Usually the last name of the author and the page of the entry is necessary. Try to place the parenthesis at the end of the sentence to minimize any interruption (MLA Handbook 216-217).

How to do in-text citations?
*Single Author
The parenthetical documentation in the following two examples indicates the information was found on page 142 of a work by Rivero.

By the late 1980s, several changes had occurred in the Los suegros fictional environment (Rivero 142).

or

Rivero writes about several changes that had occurred in the Los suegros fictional environment (142).

*Two or More Authors - Names in Text
Others, like Jakobson and Waugh (210-15), hold the opposite point of view.

*Three or more authors
Others, like Jakobson et al. (210-15), hold the opposite opinion.

*Two or More Authors - Names in Reference
Others hold the opposite point of view (Jakobson and Waugh 210-15).
How to do in-text citations continued:
*Three or more authors
Others hold the opposite point of view (Jakobson et al. 210-15).

*Corporate Author
The federal government has funded research concerning consumer protection and consumer transactions with online pharmacies (Food and Drug Administration 125).

*Works with No Author
Several critics of the concept of the transparent society ask if a large society would be able to handle the complete loss of privacy (Surveillance Society 115).

*Without the Author’s name you may use the title of the work instead.

MLA "In-text" Citation for Electronic Sources
The most important point to remember is that your reader must be able to quickly look up your citation in your Works Cited page.

Additional Help
It is important to ask critical questions, particularly when using “open internet sources” as found via search engines such as “Google.” What do you know about the author? The date of the information? Focus or bias of the site? Are there references to other sources? For more details about “Information Literacy” please see
<http://www.ncc.commnet.edu/library/information_literacy/information_literacy1.htm>

A Note on the Use of URL’s or website addresses in MLA:
MLA no longer requires the use of URLs in citations. Web addresses are not static and often change. Documents may also appear in multiple places on the web. If a URL is presented, give it immediately following the date of access enclosed in angle brackets < >. (MLA 182)

For further MLA examples:  <http://www.ncc.commnet.edu/library/citations/citing.htm>

Information Literacy Tutorial:  
<http://www.ncc.commnet.edu/library/information_literacy/information_literacy1.htm>

Ask a reference librarian at the Information Desk in the Library or seek assistance from NCC's Writing Center  <http://www.ncc.commnet.edu/dept/writingcenter/default.asp>.
Books available at the Information Desk:


**Formatting Your Paper**

1. Use a 1" margin.

2. Starting on the first page of your paper, use a "Header" (aligned to the right) with your last name and page numbers.

3. Use a 12 point font.

4. In list of Works Cited alphabetize entries by author's last name. If no author, use Title.

5. For entries longer than one line indent second and subsequent lines of each citation by a 1/2" ("tab" once.)

6. Double space all entries.
Works Cited


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<www.wired.com/wired/archive/15.02/enemy.html>.


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