

Wayland Multidisciplinary Writing Center

MLA Works Cited

Books, scholarly journal articles, and websites are the most common sources referenced in academic papers. All work cited entries should be double-spaced and should not skip spaces between entries. The first line of each entry is aligned along the left-hand margin, but all subsequent lines use a hanging indent. Entries appear in alphabetical order according to the author's last name. Below are the basic rules for citing sources in your works cited page.

MLA Core Elements

Various sources offer different types of information. However, all entries are built by consulting MLA's list of core elements. These elements create a specifically ordered list of features that are common amongst most sources. Simply follow the list, using the elements that are applicable, to create a new works cited entry.

Author. Title of Source. Title of container, other contributors,
version, number, publisher, publication date, location.

Works Cited Guidelines

Book:

Last name, First name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, year of publication.

Journal Article:

Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*,

Website:

Editor, Author, or Compiler name (if available, in Last name, First name format). *Name of Site*,
name of sponsor or publisher of site, date of creation, URL.

Citing a Work by Three or More Authors:

Carlson, Greg, Tim Ellis, Trisha Graves, and Scottie May. *Perspectives on Children's Spiritual Formation*. Broadman, 2006.

Citing Authors with Same Last Names:

Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*. Norton, 2001.

Bronte, Emily. *Wuthering Heights*. Norton, 1990.

Citing a Source With No Author:

"Publishing Shakespeare." Folger Shakespeare Library, <http://www.folger.edu/publishing-shakespeare>.

Formatting

According to MLA documentation style, a works cited page should maintain the following general formatting guidelines:

- One inch margins.
- Double-spaced lines.
- Your last name and the page number in right-hand corner.

Center the title, Works Cited, at the top of the page. The first line of each entry is aligned with the left-hand margin. Use a hanging indent for subsequent lines. Entries appear in alphabetical order according to the author's last name.