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## MLA Quick Citation Guide

### About MLA Style

The Modern Language Association (MLA) style is commonly used to cite sources within the liberal arts and humanities (e.g., the arts, cultural studies, language, literature, philosophy, and religion). This guide reflects the *MLA Handbook* (8th ed.) published in 2016. For more extensive rules and examples of the MLA style, refer to the *MLA Handbook*, 8th ed. (LB2369 .G53 2016 c.3, RW LB2369 .G53 2016, RW LB2369 .G53 2016 c.2) or visit the [MLA Style](#) website. You can also ask a librarian for assistance.

### Important Revisions to the 8th Edition

- Cite a generative AI tool whenever its output is paraphrased, quoted, or otherwise incorporated into work, including text, images, and data.
- Acknowledge all functional uses of the tool (e.g., editing prose or translating words) in a note, the body of the text, or other suitable location.
- Carefully review secondary sources the AI tool cites, as errors frequently occur in the citations, including cited resources that do not exist.

Because of rapid developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and generative AI technologies, these guidelines may be updated periodically. Visit the [MLA Style Center](#) for the most recent updates.

### Guidelines for Formatting Works Cited Page

- Start the works cited list on a new page, continuing the page numbers from the body of the paper.

- Center the title of the page (Works Cited) an inch from the top of the paper.
- Align the start of each entry with the left margin. Indent any subsequent lines one-half inch (or five spaces).
- Double-space the list within and between entries.
- Arrange entries in alphabetical order by author's last names or by title for sources with no authors.
- Capitalize the first word and all other principal words of the titles and subtitles of cited works list (do not capitalize articles, prepositions, coordinating conjunctions, or the "to" in infinitives.)

## Books

### Print Book with One Author

#### General Format

Parenthetical Citation

(Author Surname page number)

Works Cited

Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). *Book Title*. Publisher, Year.

#### Example

Parenthetical Citation

(Kaye 33)

Works Cited

Kaye, Harvey J. *Thomas Paine and the Promise of America*. Hill and Wang, 2005.

### Books with Two Authors

#### General Format

Parenthetical Citation

(Author Surname and Author Surname page number)

Works Cited

Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable) and Author First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable) Surname. <i>Book Title</i> . Publisher, Year.
<b>Example</b>
Paranthetical Citation
(Gordon and Browne 241)
Works Cited
Gordon, Anne Miles, and Kathryn Williams Browne. <i>Beginnings and Beyond: Foundations in Early Childhood Education</i> . 6th ed. Delmar Learning, 2004.

<b>Book with Three or More Authors</b>
<b>General Format</b>
Paranthetical Citation
(Author Surname et al. page number)
Works Cited
Author Surname, First Initial, Second Initial., Author Surname, First Initial, Second Initial., & Author Surname, First Initial, Second Initial. <i>Book Title</i> . Publisher, Year.
<b>Example</b>
Paranthetical Citation
(Harris et al. 455)
Works Cited
Harris, Phillip R., Moran, Robert T., & Moran, Susan V. <i>Managing Cultural Differences: Global Leadership Strategies for the 21st Century</i> . Elsevier/Butterworth-Heinemann, 2004.

<b>Chapter in an Edited Volume/Anthology</b>
<b>General Format</b>
Paranthetical Citation
(Author Surname page number)
Works Cited

Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). "Chapter Title in Quotation Marks." <i>Book Title</i> , edited by Editor First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable) Surname. Publisher, Year, inclusive page numbers.
<b>Example</b>
Paranthesical Citation
(Emerson 865)
Works Cited
Emerson, Ralph Waldo. "Self-Reliance." <i>Anthology of American Literature, Volume 1: Colonial Through Romantic</i> , edited by George McMichael. 6th ed. Prentice Hall, 1997, 862-879.

<b>eBook</b>
<b>General Format</b>
Paranthesical Citation
(Author Surname page number)
Works Cited
Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). <i>Book Title</i> . Publisher, Year. Database Name, DOI or URL.
<b>Example</b>
Paranthesical Citation
(Roesner and Kendrick 112)
Works Cited
Roesner, David, and Lynne Kendrick, eds. <i>Theatre Noise: The Sound of Performance</i> . Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2011. <i>EBSCOhost</i> , search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=e000xna&AN=539871&site=ehost-live.

## Periodicals

<b>Article in a Print Journal</b>
<b>General Format</b>

Parentetical Citation
(Author Surname page number)
Works Cited
Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). "Title of Article." <i>Journal Title</i> , volume number, issue number, Year, inclusive page numbers of article.
<b>Example</b>
Parentetical Citation
(Beyer 5)
Works Cited
Beyer, Peter. "Religion in Interesting Times: Contesting Form, Function, and Future." <i>Sociology of Religion</i> , vol. 81, no. 1, 2020, 1-19.

<b>Article in an Online Journal</b>
<b>General Format</b>
Parentetical Citation
(Author Surname page number)
Works Cited
Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). "Article Title." <i>Journal Title</i> , volume number, issue number (Year): inclusive page numbers of article, DOI or URL of periodical article webpage.
<b>Example</b>
Parentetical Citation
(Faber 174)
Works Cited
Faber, Rima. "Dance and Early Childhood Cognition: The Isadora Effect." <i>Arts Education Policy Review</i> , vol. 118, no. 3 (2017): 172-182, DOI: 10.1080/10632913.2016.1245166.

<b>Article in an Online Database</b>
<b>General Format</b>
Parentetical Citation

(Author Surname page number)
<b>Works Cited</b>
Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). "Article Title." <i>Journal Title</i> , volume number, issue number (Month Year): inclusive page numbers of article. <i>Database Name</i> , DOI or URL of periodical article webpage.
<b>Example</b>
Paranthesical Citation
(Güremen 573)
<b>Works Cited</b>
Güremen, Refik. "Philosophy as Art in Aristotle's Protrepticus." <i>Metaphilosophy</i> , vol. 51, no. 4 (July 2020): 571-592. EBSCOhost, DOI: 10.1111/meta.12448.

<b>Article in a Newspaper or Magazine</b>
<b>General Format</b>
Paranthesical Citation
(Author Surname page number)
<b>Works Cited</b>
Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). "Title of Article." <i>Newspaper or Magazine Title</i> [City], Day Month Year, page(s).
<b>Example</b>
Paranthesical Citation
(Fauntleroy 62)
<b>Works Cited</b>
Fauntleroy, Gussie. "Jazz in the Brushstrokes." <i>Southwest Art</i> , June/July 2021, 60-63.

## Websites and Other Online Sources

<b>Website</b>
<b>General Format</b>

Parentetical Citation
(Author Surname)
Works Cited
Author Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). "Title of Page or Document." <i>Website Title</i> , Day Month Year, DOI or URL as appropriate.
<b>Example</b>
Parentetical Citation
(Hamilton et al.)
Works Cited
Hamilton, Alexander, Jay, John, and Madison, James. "Full Text of The Federalist Papers." <i>Library of Congress</i> , accessed 9 November 2021, <a href="https://guides.loc.gov/federalist-papers/full-text">https://guides.loc.gov/federalist-papers/full-text</a> .

<b>Podcasts</b>
<b>General Format</b>
Parentetical Citation
(Creator Surname, Title of Episode)
Works Cited
Creator Surname, First Name Second Name or Initial (if applicable). "Title of Episode." <i>Podcast Title</i> , Name of Publisher, Day Month Year, <a href="https://URL">https://URL</a> .
<b>Example</b>
Parentetical Citation
(Bolt and Roskam, "Great Books")
Works Cited
Bolt, Andrew, and John Roskam. "Episode 9: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen." <i>The Great Books of Literature Podcast</i> , Institute of Public Affairs, 6 December 2018, <a href="https://ipa.org.au/ipa-today/the-great-books-of-literature-podcast-episode-9-pride-and-prejudice-by-jane-austen">https://ipa.org.au/ipa-today/the-great-books-of-literature-podcast-episode-9-pride-and-prejudice-by-jane-austen</a> .

## Parentetical Citations

### General Format

In-text citations should be used to direct the reader to the source listed in your works cited page. The general format of an in-text citation is the first element of the source's entry (this is typically the author's last name) in the works-cited page and the page number. These are placed in a parenthesis. As of the 8th edition, MLA now requires URLs or DOIs for electronic sources.

### Guidelines for Online Sources

- The typical format for an in-text citation is the first element of the source's entry in the works-cited page and the page number.
- The in-text citation is placed in a parenthesis.
- When following a direct quote, the in-text citation is placed after the closing quotation mark.
- When the author's name is provided in the text, only the page number is needed in the in-text citation.
- If your quotation is more than four lines of your text, it should be indented half an inch from the left margin. The in-text citation is placed after the last punctuation mark of the blocked quote.
- If the works cited reference begins with the title of the work, either because the author is unknown or is an organization, the in-text citation begins with an abbreviated form of the title.
- If providing the author's last name does not provide sufficient information to pinpoint the source in the works cited (i.e., multiple authors with the same last name or multiple works by the same author), provide enough information to identify the individual source, such as the first letter of the author's last name or a shortened version of the title.
- For sources that do not have page numbers, such as websites, the page number should be omitted in the in-text citation.