MLA style is used in most English classes and by many disciplines.

This guide provides examples of MLA’s format for the “Works Cited” page. This is your bibliography—the list of the sources you used in writing your research paper. It appears at the end of the paper, arranged alphabetically. This guide includes examples for citations and references that are frequently encountered.

The *MLA Handbook* 8th ed. is the authoritative resource used as the basis for this guide. A copy is shelved in the Alden Library’s Reference collection at REF LB 2369 .G53 2016.

**General Layout of the Works Cited list:**

The “Works Cited” page appears at the end of the paper. The citations are arranged in alphabetical order. Each source cited in the paper must be included in the list.

The first line of each reference source starts flush with the left margin. The following lines are indented one-half inch from the left margin. The entire list is double spaced. The entries are in alphabetical order.

### Example of a Works Cited page:

#### Book

Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname. *Book Title*. Publisher, date.

#### Article


#### Database result

Lastname, Firstname. "Article or Chapter Title." *Source Name*, date: page(s), Name of Collection, Database or Website. Date retrieved or DOI or permalink.

#### Social media

Pseudonym. “Subject of Email or Entire text of a tweet.” *Twitter*. date, time, URL.

### Works Cited


A Single Author

Lastname, Firstname


Two Authors

Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname


More than Two Authors

List the first author and add et al.


A Source with a Corporate (or Group) Author

Place the author name first


A Source with No Author

Use the title as the first element and list it alphabetically in the references.

Editors

A Single Editor of an edited work

☐ Lastname, Firstname, editor.


Two or more editors

☐ Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname, editors.


An Editor of a collection

☐ Edited by Firstname Lastname.


Dates

☐ Dates are entered as day month year. January 1, 2015 is formulated as 1 Jan. 2015.


When there is no date, leave that element blank, but if a reliable external source indicates the date, use [dd mon. year] in brackets like this.

URLs, DOIs, Permalinks

☐ URLs are used to indicate where to find a source. (Do not include the “http://” and do not add angle brackets <>). Where the unique identifying number for an article is listed—the Document Object Identifier or another type of permanent link—use it.

Abbreviations

☐ Names of publishers are written out except for academic publishers, where the names “University” and “Press” are abbreviated as U and P.

☐ Use p. for page and pp. for pages; volume and number are abbreviated as vol. and no. To indicate multiple volumes, use vols.

☐ Editions are noted with the ordinal number and “ed.”—as in rev. 3rd ed.
An Article from a Scholarly Journal


An Article from an Online Encyclopedia


An Article on a Website


A Monthly Magazine Article


A Weekly Magazine Article


A Daily Newspaper Article


An Editorial

Books

☐ Author’s last name, first name. A Title of a Book. Publisher, Year of Publication.

A Book with an Author:


A Book by Two Authors


A Book by Three or More Authors

☐ Use only the first author, followed by et al.

A Book with No Author:


A Book in an Edition Other than First


An Edited Book


A Chapter in a book


An Ebook from a Library Database

☐ For an online source, include information about the publisher or website.


An Ebook from a Website


Encyclopedias

☐ Author(s) name(s). “Title of the entry.” Encyclopedia Title, number for the edition (if any), Publisher, vol., year, page(s).

DVDs and Other Media

☐ Title of Film. Directed by Firstname Lastname, Distributor, year of release.


Online Sources

☐ "Title." Title of the Website or Collection, directed by Firstname Lastname, date. URL.

Streaming Video


A Youtube Video


A News Podcast


A Tweet

☐ Include tweets in their entirety. Instead of author name, use the Twitter handle. Include time as well as date.

@tinylittlepoems. "In darkest parts of stories, better hidden, left unsaid. In court-rooms, hearts left torn, left wrote, left bled.” Twitter, 21 Aug. 2014, 2:59 pm, twitter.com/tinylittlepoems/status/502575654249181184.

A Blog Post

☐ For blog posts include: Editor, screen name, author, or compiler name (if available).

“Posting Title.” Name of Site, version number (if available), Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), URL. Date of access.

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### Book Chapter Reprint

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In their book on the power of social networks, Rob Cross and Andrew Parker describe attributes of an effective leader. Such leaders “envisioned tasks as challenges sufficiently large and complex that they demanded collaboration” (126).

In *The Woman Warrior*, Maxine Hong Kingston uses her book to look at the cultural challenges of growing up in America in a community with values firmly rooted in China. She examines, as one critic points out, the messages girls are taught: to achieve, but also to know their proper—subservient—place (Franks 7245).

### Works Cited
