MLA Guidelines

Typically, MLA format requires:

- One-inch page margins
- A heading and a title on the first page
- Your last name on each page
- Page numbers
- Double-spacing
- A separate reference page (Works Cited)

Ask your instructor about his/her specific requirements.

Print Resources at the Belmont College Library

The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th ed.
LB 2369.G53 2009

Online Resources/Examples

Bedford/St. Martin’s
http://pages.mail.bfwpub.com/apamlaupdate

Northern Michigan University
http://library.nmu.edu/guides/userguides/style_mla.htm

Purdue OWL
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

College of DuPage Library
http://www.cod.edu/library/research/citenet.htm

Online Tools to Help

BibMe (will create citations in all formats)
http://www.bibme.org

Landmarks Citation Machine (will cite in APA, MLA, Chicago)
http://citationmachine.net

Always double-check citations to make sure they are correct!
Examples of MLA 
(Modern Language Association)
Citation Guidelines

**In-Text Citations**

**Books**
(Author’s Last Name Page Numbers). Example: (Twain 25-26).

**Articles**
(Author’s Last Name Page Numbers). Example: (Bradley A19).

**Articles with Unknown Author**
("Beginning of Article Title"). Example: ("Five Ways").

**Websites**
(Author’s Last Name). Example: (Jokinen).

**Websites with Unknown Author**
("Beginning of Website Title"). Example: ("Abraham Lincoln").

**Works Cited Page Examples**

**Books**

Basic Format
Author’s Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, year of publication. Medium.

**Book with Two Authors**


**Encyclopedias and Other Multi-Volume Works**


**Websites**

Basic Format
Author's or Editor's Last Name, First Name. Title of Website. Sponsor or Publisher of Website, Day Month Year of last update. Medium. Day Month Year of Access.

*Editor*

**Unknown Author**

**No Title**

- If a website has no title, substitute a description (for example, Home page).
- If no sponsor or publisher is given, write N.p.
- If no publication date or date of update is available, use N.d.

**Articles**

**Basic Format for Magazines**
Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date of Publication: Page Numbers of Article. Medium.

- If the magazine is issued weekly, give the exact publication date. Otherwise, use only month and year.

**Basic Format for Online Magazine Articles**
Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date of Publication: Page Numbers of Article. Name of Database. Medium. Day Month Year of Access.

**Basic Format for Online Magazine Articles from Database**

- If the online article does not include page numbers, write n. pag.

**Basic Format for Print Journals**

**Basic Format for Online Journal Articles**

**Basic Format for Online Journal Articles from Database**

**Basic Format for Newspapers**
Author’s Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Newspaper [If not nationally recognized, include newspaper’s city name in brackets] Date Published: Page Number or Section Letter. Medium.