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

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

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

Basic Format for Print Journals
Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume Number.Issue Number. (Year of Publication): Page Numbers of Article. Medium.

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.