MLA Style for Citing Print Sources


**Basic Format:**
- Center the words “Works Cited” at the top of the page.
- Include your last name and page number in the header, aligned to the right.
- Double-space within and between entries.
- Use a hanging indent for all entries.
- Alphabetize entries in the list by the first word of the entry (excluding articles like the, a, an).

**Citing Periodical Print Publications**
This list shows most of the possible components in an entry for an article in a print periodical and the order in which they are normally arranged:
1. Author’s name
2. Title of article [in quotation marks]
3. Name of the periodical [italicized]
4. Series number or name [if relevant]
5. Volume number [for a scholarly journal]
6. Issue number [if available, for a scholarly journal]
7. Date of publication
8. Page numbers
9. Medium of publication consulted [Print]
10. Supplementary information

**Examples:**

**Article in a Scholarly Journal (MLA Handbook p. 140)**

**Article in a Magazine (MLA Handbook p. 142)**

**Article in a Newspaper (MLA Handbook p. 142)**

**Editorial (MLA Handbook p. 146)**

**Letter to the Editor (MLA Handbook p. 146)**
Citing Books and Other Nonperiodical Print Publications
This list shows most of the possible components in an entry for a book and the order in which they are normally arranged:
1. Name of the author, editor, compiler, or translator
2. Title of the work, including any subtitles [italicized]
3. Edition used
4. Number(s) of the volume(s) used
5. City of publication: Name of the publisher, year of publication
6. Medium of publication consulted [Print]
7. Supplementary bibliographic information

Examples:

Book by a Single Author (MLA Handbook p. 151)

Book by Two or Three Authors (MLA Handbook p. 154)

Book by Four or More Authors (MLA Handbook p. 155-156)

Anonymous Book (MLA Handbook p. 162)


Work from an Anthology (MLA Handbook p. 157)

Article in a Reference Book (MLA Handbook p. 160)

Entry in a Dictionary (MLA Handbook p. 160)

Brochure or Pamphlet (MLA Handbook p. 174)

Government Publication (MLA Handbook p. 174)