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MLA Style Works Cited

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Acknowledge sources used in your English papers with MLA documentation style. This will include using a brief citation in the body of the paper that refers the reader to the **Works Cited** page.

The **brief citation** in the paper looks like:

On the shelves of Poe's room were many books; some classics (Allen 106).

The period is after the brief cite.

Or, if you **mention the author's name** in the sentence, it should look like this:

Allen contends that the shelves held many books; some of them were classics (109).

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The works cited page has a specific format:

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- ✓ The **Works Cited** page appears at the end of your paper. Begin the list on a new page; continue with the same page numbering sequence.
- ✓ Page numbers follow the format of the rest of your paper; top right corner, half inch from the top.
- ✓ Center the title **Works Cited** an inch from the top of the page.
- ✓ The list of your sources is alphabetical. Use A-Z sort function in Word.
- ✓ Double-space between this line of text and the first entry.
- ✓ Use the same font style and size as the rest of your paper.
- ✓ Begin each new entry flush with the left margin. If it is longer than one line, indent the next line(s).
- ✓ Double-space the entire document. Format>Paragraph> choose double from the line spacing menu.

In Word: select text, then
Table>A-Z↓

Format>Paragraph>Indents & Spacing
see 'Indentation' then 'Special'
then choose 'Hanging.'

Examples of entries for your Works Cited page:

The citation format is in **bold** and the example follows.



Book

Full Title: Then Subtitle

5.6.1

Don't underline the period.

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Author's Last name, First name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Seitz, John. Global Issues: An Introduction. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.

Calvin, Andrew, ed. Urban Planning. New York: H.W. Wilson, 2003.

No author, but has editor? Use ed. after editor's name.



Journal

5.7.1

5.6.2

Author's Last, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Journal Volume.Issue (Year): Page(s).

Magazine or Journal? An easy way to tell if the source is a Journal:

- A magazine is popular, contains ads, easy to read, and is colorful.
- Journal has references and is written by professionals, and probably has a volume number.

Marklund, Per-Olov and Eva Samakonlis. "Reuse or Burn? Evaluating the Producer Responsibility of Waste Paper." Journal of Environmental Planning and Management 46.3 (2003): 381-399.

When the title of the journal, magazine or newspaper starts with 'The' leave it off. For example The New York Times is in the cite as New York Times.

Use page numbers for the entire article, not just the part you use.

Magazine 5.7.6

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Author's Last, First name. "Title of Article." Name of Magazine Month Year: Page(s).

Long, Michael E. "Surviving in Space." National Geographic Jan. 2001: 6-20.

Sapolsky, Robert. "Bugs in the Brain." Scientific American Mar. 2003: 94-99.

Numbers through 99 use the full second number. More than 99 use last two digits. i.e. 767-70.

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Newspaper 5.7.5

Author Ln, Fn. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper [City if not stated] Day Month Year, edition.: Page.

Bourne, Ralph. "Never in My Life." News Herald [Panama City, FL] 7 Sept. 2003: B1+.

Pearce, Jeremy. "Waterway Protection Grows." New York Times 30 Mar. 2003: L6.

Use a + when the article continues on another page.

Databases Online through the GCCC Library 5.9.7

Author Ln, Fn. "Title of Article." Magazine Title Day Month Year: Page(s). Database Name. Place of access. Date of access <website of database entry point>.

Carmichael, Mary. "Out of the Blue." Newsweek Oct. 2003: 62-67. Academic Search Premier. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>.

Mraz, Steve. "Does buffer for wetlands hold water?" Pensacola News Journal 21 Sept. 2003: 1A. Custom Newspapers. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>.

Lunneborg, Pat. "On the Road with the Women in Blue." Women Police Fall 2003: 2. Criminal Justice Periodicals. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>.

Use the author that's listed.

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NewsRx.com. "High Staff Turnover Linked to Workplace Environment." Managed Care Weekly 6 Oct. 2003: 56. Health & Wellness Resource Center. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>.

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Has an author written more than one title you are citing? If so, use ---. (3 dashes & a period). This means "same as before". Don't use this if the source has multiple authors.

Stoltzfus, Ben. "The Stones of Venice, Time, and Remembrance: Calculus and Proust in Across the River and into the Trees." The Hemingway Review Spring 2003: 22.2 19-32. Literature Resource Center. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>. volume#, issue#

Wright, Jeanne. "The Chaotic Atmosphere of School." Path: Viewpoints. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>.

Verrengia, Joseph B. "Fish Hobbyists Warned Not to Flush Pets." Associated Press News Service 30 Sept. 2003: NewsBank NewsFile. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>.

Carmichael, Mary. "Out of the Blue." Newsweek Oct. 2003: 62-67. Academic Search Premier. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>. No author? Then start with the title.

"Springing Eternal: He Was a Joker, a Patriot, a Master Entertainer, an Icon. Remembering Bob Hope, 1903-2003." Newsweek 11 Aug. 2003: 62. Biography Resource Center. GCCC Lib. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.linccweb.org/eResources.asp>>.

World Wide Web

Entire Site 5.9.2

For GCCC Library databases use this place and URL for all of the databases accessed through the library website.

Title of Site. Name of editor if given. Date on site or posting if there is one. Name of any sponsoring institution. Page numbers given if any or use the paragraph symbol ¶ if warranted. Date of access <URL of Website>.

Save Biodiversity and Stop Global Environmental Degradation. Ted Cheeseman, Ed. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.environmentalaction.net/>>. 5.9.2a

This is a college course website. Note that the citation has a different format.

Goeller, Michael, ed. Perspectives on Agriculture and the Environment. Course Website. 29 Sept. 2003. Rutgers University, Cook College. 8 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~goeller/perspectives/>>.

MedTerms Medical Dictionary Index. 9 Oct. 2003. MedicineNet.com. 9 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.medterms.com>>.

Long URL?

If the URL is too long for the website or webpage you are citing, you can use 'Path' instead. For example, when you do your Works Cited page don't use the entire URL. < <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/science/10/15/purple.frog/index.html> > Use a citation that is better understood and found by your reader. Use the term 'Path' after the basic website address, and then finish like this: <<http://www.CNN.com>>. Path: Science & Space; Science & Nature; Oct 15. This makes it easier for your reader to get to the source. Your readers would need to enter only 11 keystrokes instead of 58 (starting with the www). Then they need to click only three times to get to the article.

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Document in the Web Site

Author Last Name, First. “Title of the document or article in site.” **Title of Site.** Name of editor if given.
Date on document or article if there is one. Name of any sponsoring institution. Page numbers given if any or use the paragraph symbol ¶ if warranted. Date of access <URL of Website>.

Abbreviate all months except for May, June and July

7.2

“Australia Hunts Toothfish Pirates, Again.” CNN.com/Science & Space. 7 Oct. 2003. Reuters. 7 Oct. 2003
<<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/science/10/07/australia.toothfish.reut/index.html>>.

Miller, Luke. “NOAA Fisheries Strengthens Patagonian Toothfish.” Sea Grant Law Center. University of Mississippi. 7 Oct. 2003 <<http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/SGLC/SandBar/2.2noaa.htm>>.

Transcript on the Internet: Web Broadcast or Radio Program

Show Host Last Name, First. “Title of Episode or Segment.” **Title of Program.** Title of Series. Date of Program. Transcript. (or other identifying label such as interview, report, newscast, etc.) **Name of Sponsoring Institution.** Date of access <URL>.

5.8

Chisholm, Susan. “Maine Dams Shut Down for Salmon.” All Things Considered. 7 Oct. 2003. Transcript of program from Maine Public Radio. National Public Radio. 7 Oct. 2003
<<http://www.npr.org/features/feature.php?wfId=1458000>>.

Doyle, Jim. Speech. “Governor's Economic Round Table - Part 1.” Governor's Economic Round Table. 21 Apr. 2003. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay. 8 Oct. 2003
<http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/videos_detail.asp?vidid=6>.

The numerals in these boxes correspond to the headings in this MLA style guide:

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