MLA GUIDE

A quick guide to citing in MLA style, based on the 8th edition of the *MLA Handbook* (2016).

**Part 1. In-Text Citations**

**Purpose of the in-text citation:** Directs the reader to the matching citation from the Works Cited page so that the reader can examine and look up that source.

Usually, all you need is the author’s last name and the page number. If there is no author, use the title of the source followed by the page number (see last example below).

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<td>Paraphrasing, with no author signal phrase:</td>
<td>There are more than 320 species of hummingbirds, which range in size from two to six inches long (Bruning 433).</td>
<td>Bruning, Donald F. “Hummingbird.” <em>World Book Encyclopedia</em>, vol. 9, World Book, 2016, pp. 433-435.</td>
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**Part 2. Citations for Works Cited Page**

For every in-text citation included in your paper, you must have a corresponding bibliographic citation in the Works Cited page.

Your *Works Cited* page should appear as the last page(s) of your essay or research paper.

When composing your Works Cited page, be sure that 1) it is double-spaced, 2) your citations are in alphabetical order, and 3) any citation that goes over two or more lines has a half-inch hanging indent.

The following are the formats and examples of common citations. Use these as guidelines to help you cite your own sources.

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1. **Citing an Entire Book or Play**

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**Example with two authors:**


**Example with more than two authors:**


**Examples with corporate author:**


**Example when corporate author is also publisher, start with the title:**

*California County Fact Book*. County Supervisors Association of California, 2003.

**Example of edited work:**


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**2. Citing an eBook from an Online Library Database**

**Format:**

Author(s) or Editor(s). *Title of Source*. Other contributors, version, vol. number, Publisher, Year Published. *Name of Database*, URL or DOI. Optional Date of access.

**Examples:**


### 3. Citing an Article or Chapter from a Book/Anthology

**Format:**

Author(s). “Title of Chapter or Article.” Title of Anthology, edited by Editor(s) Name(s), edition, vol. number, Publisher, Year published, pages.

**Examples:**


### 4. Citing a Magazine or Newspaper Article from Paper Format

**Format for magazine:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Magazine, Issue Date, pages.

**Examples:**


**Format for newspaper:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Newspaper, Issue Date, edition (if any), pages.

**Examples:**


### 5. Citing a Magazine or Newspaper Article from an Online Library Database

**Format for magazine:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Magazine, Issue Date, pages. Name of Online Database, URL of article. Optional Access Date.

**Examples:**


**Format for newspaper:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Newspaper, Issue Date, edition, pages. Name of Online Database, URL of article. Optional Access Date.
### 6. Citing a Magazine or Newspaper Article from the Source’s Website

**Format for magazine:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Magazine Website, Date published or last updated, Publisher if different name from the Title of Website, URL of article. Optional Access Date.

**Example:**


**Format for newspaper:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Newspaper Website, Date published or last updated, Publisher if different name from the Title of Website, URL of article. Optional Access Date.

**Examples:**


### 7. Citing a Journal Article from Paper Format

**Format:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Journal, vol., no., Issue Date, pages.

**Example:**


### 8. Citing a Journal Article from an Online Library Database or Website

**Format:**

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Name of Journal, vol., no., Date published, pages. Name of Online Database, DOI or URL of article. Access Date suggested if using URL.

**Example:**

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**Part 3. Other MLA Resources**

For more detailed rules regarding common abbreviations, multiple authors, multiple containers, formatting, and further help citing source types that are not included in this guide, check the following trusted resources:

- Purdue Online Writing Lab > [owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/)
Works Cited

Belliveau, Maura. “A New Explanation for the Wage Gap Between Men and Women.” TEDxEmory, YouTube, published 16 Aug. 2011, youtube.com/watch?v=kIo-XjNRfAM.


