Part 1. Paper Formatting Guidelines

When setting up your MLA formatted paper:

1. Double-space your paper and use a clear font (like Times New Roman) size 12;
2. Include your last name and page number in the header aligned right;
3. Include your name, date, course, and professor’s name on the first page aligned left; and
4. Center your title; do not bolden, enlarge, italicize, or underline the title.

Part 2. 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.

Examples of In-Text Citations

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<th>Type of In-Text Citation</th>
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<td>Paraphrasing, without citation in prose:</td>
<td>Active learning is needed to create strong neural networks (Downing 262)</td>
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Part 3. Works Cited Page Guidelines

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.
Other citation rules to keep in mind:
- Pay attention to date styling, punctuation, italicization, and abbreviations.
- Include a URL or doi for all sources found online. Do not include the https:// prefix.

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

### 1. Citing a Book

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<td><strong>Example with two authors:</strong></td>
<td>Forgan, James W., and Mary Anne Richey. <em>The Impulsive, Disorganized Child: Solutions for Parenting Kids with Executive Functioning Difficulties</em>. Prufrock Press, 2015.</td>
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<td><strong>Example with three or more authors:</strong></td>
<td>Voight, Kristin, et al. <em>Childhood Obesity: Ethical and Policy Issues</em>. Oxford UP, 2014.</td>
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<td><strong>Example when corporate author is also publisher, start with the title:</strong></td>
<td><em>California County Fact Book</em>. County Supervisors Association of California, 2003.</td>
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### 2. Citing an eBook from an Online Library Database

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<th>Format:</th>
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### 3. Citing an Article or Chapter from a Book/Antology

**Format:**

Author(s). “Title of Chapter or Article.” *Title of Anthology: Subtitle of Anthology*, edited by Editor(s) Name(s), edition, vol. number, Publisher Name, Year Published, Page Number(s).

**Examples:**


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

**Format for magazine:**

Author(s). “Title of Article: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Magazine*, Day Month Year Published, Page Number(s).

**Examples:**


**Format for newspaper:**

Author(s). “Title of Article: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Newspaper*, Day Month Year Published, edition (if any), Page Number(s).

**Examples:**


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

**Format for magazine:**

Author(s). “Title of Article: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Magazine*, Day Month Year Published, Page Number(s). *Name of Online Database*, URL of article. Optional Access Date.

**Examples:**


**Format for newspaper:**

Author(s). “Title of Article: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Newspaper*, Day Month Year Publish, edition (if any), Page Number(s). *Name of Online Database*, URL of article. Optional Access Date.

**Examples:**

### 6. Citing a Magazine or Newspaper Article from the Source’s Website

**Format for magazine:**

Author(s). “Title of Article: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Magazine Website*, Day Month Year Published or last updated, Publisher Name if different name from the Title of Website, URL of article. Optional Access Date.

**Example:**


**Format for newspaper:**

Author(s). “Title of Article: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Newspaper Website*, Day Month Year Published or last updated, Publisher Name 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: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Journal*, vol., no., Day Month Year Published, Page Number(s).

**Example:**


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

**Format:**

Author(s). “Title of Article: Subtitle of Article.” *Title of Journal*, vol., no., Day Month Year Published, Page Number(s). *Name of Online Database*, DOI or URL of article. Access Date suggested if using URL.

**Example:**


9. Citing a Website

**Format:**  
Author(s). “Title of Web Page: Subtitle of Web Page.” Title of Hosting Website, Day Month Year Published or last updated, URL. Optional Access Date.

**Example:**  

Part 4. 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.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/index.html
Works Cited


