

MLA Style

HOW TO MAKE YOUR REFERENCE LIST



BASIC RULES

- Your Works Cited page should be on a separate page at the end of your paper.
- Label the page Works Cited (do not italicize the words or put them in quotation marks) and center the words at the top of the page.
- Only the title should be centered. The citation entries need to be aligned with the left margin.



PAGE FORMAT

- It should have a one-inch margins and last name, page number header like the rest of your paper.
- Double space for all entries (no skip between them).
- Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations by 0.5 inches (a hanging indent).



CAPITALIZATION & PUNCTUATION

- Periods and commas are used in certain placements. Look at the previous example.
- Capitalize the first word always (no exceptions).
- Capitalize each word in the titles of articles, books, etc., but not the prepositions or conjunctions.
- Use italics for large works like books and magazines (do not underline).
- Use quotation marks for short works like poems and articles.



ORDER OF INFORMATION

Author (last name, first name). Title of source. Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location.

- Only fill the information available of the source.
- If 2nd container is present, provide the information.
- All entries should be in alphabetical order.
- New to MLA 2021: If your author has a pseudonym, stage-name, or various other names, then you should cite the better-known option.



PECULIAR CASES



MULTIPLE OR UNKNOWN AUTHORS

- For two authors: mention both names and connect them with “and” (the second name should be in traditional order).
- For more than three: mention the first author and write “et al.”.
- For unknown authors, start the citation from the title of the source.



NONTRADITIONAL MEDIUMS

- For films: *Title of Movie*. Contributor(s). Publisher/Production Company, Year of Release. (In italic title of film)
- TV shows: “Episode Name”. *Series Name*, Contributors, Distributor, Distribution Date. (In italic series name)

ONLINE SOURCES

Author. "Title." *Title of container (self contained if book)*, Other contributors (translators or editors), Version (edition), Number (vol. and/or no.), Publisher, Publication Date, Location (pages, paragraphs and/or URL, DOI or permalink). Date of Access (if applicable).

- Keep personal copies of important electronic information whenever possible.
- Records of when you first consult with each online source: use Accessed on ___ for citations.
- Include container when possible (i.e. Youtube, JSTOR, Netflix, etc.)
- After the container, include the URLs (starting from www.)
- If DOI is available, include that instead of URL.

OTHER SCENARIOS

- If you're citing two works from the same author, insert: ---- where the name would be placed and organize the entry by the title of the work.
- Citing an image: Provide the artist's name, the work of art italicized, the date of creation, the institution and city where the work is housed. Follow this initial entry with the name of the Website in italics, and the date of access.

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