Citations Using MLA

Reading & Writing Citations in MLA Style
Parts of a Citation

Common Examples

**Book:** Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of Publication.

**Website:** Lastname, Firstname. “Title of Page.” *Name of Site*. Version number. Name of institution/organization, date of creation. Medium of Publication. Date of Access.


[Deconstructing Citations Video](#)
MLA Style

- Emphasizes author and title of work
- Requires the medium of publication be included (print, web, etc.)
- Retains normal full capitalization for titles
- Includes full first and last name of author(s)
- Never includes a URL or web address
Recognizing Different Sources


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If accessed through a database, the citation should include its name, the medium and the access date.

Journal articles are recognizable by the inclusion of a volume and issue number.
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Similar to an article with the two titles, but since it’s a book, it still has a publishing city.

Anthologies or other collections of works will also typically have an editor.
Style Guides

0 For more information on the specific guidelines for building a citation, consult an APA style manual.

0 There are several great resources available online, such as The Online Writing Lab at Purdue University or those found under Student Services on the Touro Library website.
Many databases now have a feature that will build a citation in your preferred style automatically – this can be a great time-saver, but be sure to look it over since these systems often miss some of the details of capitalization or punctuation.
Another option for building your bibliography is to use a software like NoodleTools. NoodleTools is a subscription service that you have access to as a student at Touro. Just choose the type of resource you’d like to cite and fill in the required information as prompted. It will automatically be formatted in whichever citation style you choose.
In addition to building citations, NoodleTools can assist you with all phases of the research and writing process, including note-taking, outlining, annotations, etc.

Check it out at www.noodletools.com

In order to create a log-on, access for the first time through a campus computer to set up a user name and password

When accessing from off-campus, you will need to sign-in twice: once to the Touro network, and then to your individual NoodleTools account
Choose your source type, then fill in the information as requested to generate an accurate citation.

Export your completed bibliography, plus get help with in-text citations.
Use NoodleTools to take notes on your research and link them to sources in your bibliography, then drag to rearrange, organize into piles or by tag, or search through them.
In-text Citations (MLA)

- When you quote, paraphrase, or summarize from another author, it is necessary to include both an in-text citation and a full entry in your reference list.
- The two pieces of information included in an in-text citation are **author and page number** (s).
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- The author may be included in the text of your paper
  - Max Weber observed that, “...(98).”
- Or, all of the information can be placed in parentheses at the end of the sentence or section
  - ...(Weber 98).
- If the work has no known author, a shortened version of the title may be used instead
- For quotes longer than ~40 words, use block formatting, indented 1 inch from the left margin and omitting quotation marks
In an MLA style paper, your works cited page should be titled “Works Cited” (centered)

The first line of each citation should be flush left, with any subsequent lines indented ½ inch (hanging indent)

It should be double spaced without any extra spaces between citations
When to Cite

Citation Game Show
For More Information

0 To find additional resources about these or any other topics related to research and library use, don’t forget to visit the Student Services page on the Library website.

0 Go to http://www.tourolib.org/services/students

0 Or, find it on the library homepage

And you can always ask a librarian!