April 2016, MLA updated to the 8th edition where it shifted how we document sources and focuses on making the work more accessible. The format for the works-cited page has changed.

Paper Format

- One-inch margins on all sides.
- Easily readable typeface. (Times New Roman is best.)
- No title page – heading & title appear on first page. Title is center-justified.
- Page numbers in right-hand corner, 1/2” from the top, flush right.
- Double-space throughout.
- No extra spaces between paragraphs.
- One space after periods or other concluding punctuation.

In-Text Citations

- Cite directly after the information you used and before the punctuation mark (period, comma, question mark, etc.)
- One way to cite: Place both the author’s last name and the page number in parentheses.
  
  • Example: “The sky is falling!” (Little 33).
- Alternative way to cite: Introduce author’s name in the sentence and supply just the page number in parentheses.
  
  • Example: Chicken Little informs his colleagues that the end of the world is imminent (33).

Works-Cited Page

- List only sources that you actually used.
- List the complete title of the article, essay, or book.
- Alphabetize your list by authors’ last names or the first main word in a title.
- Double space throughout.
- Left-aligned margin. Indent second and third lines by five spaces (0.5 inches from the left margin).
  
  • Online sources no longer require “https://” at the beginning of URLs.
  
  • City of Publication is no longer required.
  
  • Publication medium (print or electronic) is no longer required.

Format for Works-Cited Entries

Book with One Author:

Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. Publisher, Publication Date.


Two or More Books by the Same Author (Listed alphabetically; use 3 dashes and a period for subsequent entries;
do not indent before subsequent entries):

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book.* Publisher, Publication Year.

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**Book with More Than One Author:**

Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. *Title of Book.* Publisher, Publication Year.


**Work in an Anthology, Reference, or Collection:**

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Essay.” *Title of Collection,* edited by Editor’s Name(s), Publisher, Year, Page range of entry.


**Article in a Reference Book (e.g. Encyclopedias, Dictionaries):**

“Title of Article.” *Title of Book.* # of edition, Publication Year.


**Print Magazines, Newspapers, Scholarly Journals:**

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Periodical,* volume #, issue #, Day Month Year, p. #.


**Article on a Webpage, in a Web Magazine, in an Online Scholarly Journal:**

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Webpage or Article.” *Name of Site or Web Magazine,* Day Month Year, URL (without the https://). Accessed Day Month Year. Page range of the article (if applicable).


**Article from an Online Database:**

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Webpage or Article.” *Title of Magazine or Journal,* volume #, issue#, Day Month Year, Page range of the article. *Title of Online Database,* DOI or URL. Accessed Day Month Year (optional).