MLA FORMAT

Below is a brief guide to the features of MLA format. For source types not listed here, consult a handbook such as Anne Raimes' *Keys For Writers*, available in the Writing Center.

Two basic features of MLA style

In the text of your paper
Include the author and page citation for each source
Don't use p or pp before the page number

At the end of your paper
Include a list of all sources used in your paper
Alphabetized by author's last name
Alphabetized by title if author is unknown
Create list on a new page titled "Works Cited."

In Text Citation Format: Print Sources

Author named in Introductory Phase:

One driver, Peter Cohen, says that after he was rear-ended, the guilty party emerged from his vehicle still talking on the phone (127).

Author named in Parentheses

Most states do not keep adequate records on the number of times cell phones are a factor in accidents; as of December 2000, only ten states were trying to keep such records (Sundeen 2).

Author Unknown (use short form of title)

As of 2001, at least three hundred towns and municipalities had considered legislation regulating use of cell phones while driving ("Lawmakers" 2).

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The California Highway Patrol opposes restrictions on the use of phones while driving, claiming that distracted drivers can already be prosecuted (Jacobs).

OR

According to Jacobs, the California Highway Patrol opposes restrictions on the use of phones while driving, claiming that distracted drivers can already be prosecuted.

In Text Citation Format: Electronic Sources (NOTE: only use paragraph numbers when paragraphs are numbered in the original source)

Author named in Introductory Phase

Hatchuel discusses how film editing "can change points of view and turn objectivity into subjectivity" (par. 6).

Author named in Parentheses

Film editing provides us with different perceptions of reality (Hatchuel, par. 6).

Author Unknown

 A list of frequently asked questions about documentation and up-to-date instructions on how to cite online sources in MLA format can be found on the association's Web site (MLA).

Works Cited page:

Your Works Cited page should be a separate page, consecutively numbered. Type the words "Works Cited" at the top and center them. Sources should be listed alphabetically by author's last name. Double space the list. Indent every line of the entry except the first one. Remove automatically inserted hyperlinks from web addresses

Books

Single Author

Author. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Tan, Amy. *The Bonesetter's Daughter*. New York: Putnam, 2001.

Two or Three Authors

Reverse the name of the first author (last name, first name)

Rowe, Richard, and Larry Jeffus. *The Essential Welder: Gas MetalArc Welding Classroom Manual*. Albany: Delmar, 2000.

Three or more Authors

If there are more than three authors, name only the first and add et al., or give all the names.

Either: Sloan, Frank A., et al.

OR: Sloan, Frank A., Emily M. Stout, Kathryn Whetten-Goldstein, and Lan Liang.

Magazine Articles

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s).

Talcott, Richard. "Great Comets." *Astronomy* May 2004: 36-41.

If no author's name is given, begin with the title of the article.

Journal with Continuous Pagination Through the Volume

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s).

Davis, William D., Thomas Cleary, Michelle Donnelly, and Samuel Hellerman. "Using Sensor Signals to Analyze Fires." *Fire Technology* 39 (2003): 295-308.

Journal with Issues Paged Separately

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number. Issue number (Year): Page(s).

Murphy, Karen L., Roseanne DePasquale, and Erin McNamara. "Meaningful Connections: Using Technology in Primary Classrooms." *Young Children* 58.6 (2003): 12-18.

Newspaper Articles

Author. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper Date, edition: Page(s).

Daranciang, Nelson. "Sex Offender Web Site Debated." *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* 8 Apr. 2004, night final ed.: A3.

Entire Internet Site: Scholarly Project or Professional Site

Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

Encyclopedia Mythica. 2004. 13 May 2004 <http://www.pantheon.org/>.

Document from a Web Site

Author. "Title of Web Page." Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number.
  Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>.

Sherman, Chris. "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About URL."
  SearchEngineWatch. Ed. Danny Sullivan. 24 Aug. 2004.
  4 Sept. 2004 <http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3398511>.

Online Newspaper Article:

Author. "Article Title." *Web site Name*. date. Date of access.
  <URL>.

Franklin, Deborah. "Vitamin E Fails to Deliver on Early Promise." *New York Times On
  the Web*. 2 August 2006. 1 August 2006.
  <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/08/02/science/02cons.html>.