Creating Works Cited Lists Using MLA Documentation

A Works Cited list is an alphabetized list of every source you specifically mention in your work. The following information is from the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (7th ed.).

- Works Cited entries are alphabetized by the author’s last name or the interviewee’s last name. If there is no author, the entry is alphabetized by the first major word of the title.
- Works Cited entries are double-spaced within and between entries and are not numbered.
- Works Cited entries use a hanging indent pattern (see sample below).
- Dates are written in this order: day month year. Here is an example: 18 Jan. 2007.
- All months other than May, June, and July are abbreviated (Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., etc.).
- Italicize titles of entire websites, books, magazines, newspapers, journals, and pamphlets.
- Use “quotation marks” for short articles from websites, books, magazines, newspapers, journals.
- Use Title Capitalization for All Titles. This means capitalizing all major words of a title other than words like a, an, the, of, with, and so on.

**Website Articles**

**A Website Article with One to Three Clearly Named Authors**
Author(s) Name(s). “Title of Article.” Title of Website. Version or edition (if present). Publisher or sponsor (if not available, use N.p. for “No publisher”), Date of publication (if not available, use n.d. for “no date”). Web. Date you found article.


**A Website Article with Four or More Clearly Named Authors**
First listed Author’s Name., et al. “Title of Article.” Title of Website. Version or edition (if present). Publisher or sponsor (if not available, use N.p. for “No publisher”), Date of publication (if not available, use n.d. for “no date”). Web. Date you found article.

Note: et al. means “and others” and is used when there are four or more authors.


**A Website Article with an Association, Business, Educational, or Government Author**
Organization’s Name. “Title of Article.” Title of Website. Version or edition (if present). Publisher or sponsor (if not available, use N.p. for “No publisher”), Date of publication (if not available, use n.d. for “no date”). Web. Date you found article.

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**Database Articles (InfoTrac, Ebscohost, CQ Researcher, etc.)**

**Note:** Many of the databases listed below have “citation generators” that attempt to create proper MLA citations for you. However, most of these generators are incorrect, so you need to follow these guidelines when creating citations. A typical MLA citation includes the following:

Author’s Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. “Title of Article.” *Name of Journal. Volume.* Issue (date of publication): pages. *Name of Database.* Web. Date you found article.

**Example from CQ Researcher**


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**Example from InfoTrac Expanded Academic ASAP**

**Example from WilsonSelectPlus or Article First**

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**Example from Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**

**Example from LexisNexis**

**Notes about documenting LexisNexis and other newspaper articles:**

1. If the city of publication is not part of the newspaper’s title, include the city in [brackets] immediately after the title: *The Pantagraph* [Bloomington].

2. Many newspaper articles begin on one page but continue on non-continuous pages. Indicate this by putting a “+” sign after the starting page number. For example, A6+ means the article may have begun on page A6 but continued on page A9 and ended on page A11.
Books

A Book with One Author
Author’s Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. Title of Book. City of publication: Publisher, date of publication. Print.

A Book with Two or Three Authors

A Book with Four or More Authors
Note: et al. means “and others” and is used when there are four or more authors.

An Entire Anthology or Compilation (Collection of Articles by Different Authors)
Note: ed. means “editor.”

A Specific Article from an Anthology or Compilation
Article’s Author’s Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. “Title of Article.” Title of Book. Editor(s) if listed. City of publication: Publisher, date of publication. Print.

Print Journals, Magazines, and Newspaper Articles

An Article in a Scholarly Journal
Author’s Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. “Article Title.” Name of Journal. volume number.issue number (date of publication): pages. Print.

An Article in a Weekly or Monthly Magazine
Author’s Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. “Article Title.” Name of Magazine. Date: pages. Print.

An Article in a Daily Newspaper (for more information, review LexisNexis example on page 2).
Author’s Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. “Article Title.” Name of Newspaper [name of city of publication if it isn’t not part of the title] date of newspaper, edition [if newspaper appears in different editions]: pages. Print.
Brochures, Pamphlets, and Miscellaneous Printed Documents


Television Programs, Audio Recordings (CDs), and Films

Broadcast Television Program
“Name of Episode.” *Name of Program*. Name of network (if any). Call letters and city of the local station (if any), Date of Broadcast. Medium of reception.

Audio Recording (Entire CD)
Name of Group or Artist. *CD Title*. Label, Year. Medium of reception.

Audio Recording (Individual Song or Selection from a CD)
Name of Group or Artist. “Name of Song.” *CD Title*. Label, Year. Medium of reception.

Film in Theater
*Title of Film*. Name of Director. Names of Key Performers. Film Studio, Year of Release. Medium of reception.

Film on Videotape or DVD
*Title of Film*. Name of Director. Names of Key Performers. Year of Original Film’s Release. Film Studio, Year of Release. Medium of Reception.

Personal/Telephone Interviews and Email Messages

Personal or telephone interview
Last Name, First Name Middle Initial. Personal (or Telephone) Interview. Date of interview.
Satterlee, Jennifer S. Personal (or Telephone) Interview. 13 May 2007.

Email message
Last Name, First Name Middle Initial of E-mail message’s author. “Subject Line.” Email to E-Mail recipient’s name. Date of message. E-mail.
Bachtold, Beth E. “Reading Strategies in English 102.” Email to Angela Gulick. 5 Dec. 2007. E-mail.

Surveys
Names of survey’s authors. “Title of Survey.” Survey Subjects. Date of Survey.

Handout written by Angela Gulick, June 2009.