MLA Style Works Cited List
Based on the 8th edition of the MLA Handbook

What is MLA Style?
Modern Languages Association (MLA) Style is used for providing citations in academic writing. It includes citations within your writing as well as a Works Cited list at the end of your paper.

Works Cited
The list of sources that you enter at the end of your work is called Works Cited rather than References which is used in the APA citation style. Your Works Cited list will be in alphabetical order and will list all the sources that you referenced in your work.

Elements of a Citation in a Works Cited List
A citation in your works cited list may contain the following elements in this order and followed by the punctuation shown after each element:

1. Author/Creator.
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date.
9. Location,
Let’s break it down.

1. **Author.**
   
   The primary creator of the work. This could be a writer, editor, artist, or director.

2. **Title of Source.**
   
   A title of an independent work such as a book or website should be in *Italics*. If the title of the source is part of something larger (a container – see below), then it should be in quotation marks, such as an article or a poem.

3. **Title of Container,**
   
   A container is the larger entity that holds smaller sources. For example, a Journal has individual articles. The Journal is the container and the title of the article is the source.

   An article may have more than one container. For example, an article is found in a Journal and the Journal may be found in a Database. So, the Journal and the database are containers for a single article. **The title of the container is in Italics.**

   Another example is YouTube. YouTube is a container for millions of individually titled videos.

4. **Other Contributors,**
   
   This could be editors, illustrators or translators.

5. **Version,**
   
   The version could be a specific edition of a book.

6. **Number,**
   
   If a source is part of a sequence such as an ongoing publication, then you would include the volume (vol.) and issue (no.) number.

7. **Publisher,**
   
   Enter the organization responsible for producing or making the work public.
8. Publication Date.

This is the date of publication. Use the date most relevant to your use of the source. The date is usually a year, however, for some sources it may include a date, month and year, such as a newspaper article.

You may also include a date accessed if it is an online resource.

9. Location,

This is a page (p.) or page range (pp.), a DOI (digital Object Identifier), URL

When it is available use a DOI instead of a URL.

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Examples of Complete Citations From some Common Sources

Book with one author

**Book with two authors**


**Book with three or more authors**


**Journal Article**


EBSCOhost, doi:10.1002/jwmg.21811.

**Website**


**E-book**


**Online Video**

Works Cited Page

Your works cited page will be the last page of your work and will begin on a separate page. Remember, it will be double spaced and if a citation takes up more than one line, which it often will, the second line will have an indent. This is called a hanging indent and can be found in the paragraph options of MS Word or in the Format - Align & Indent options of Google Docs.

See the next page for an example of a Works Cited list.

For more information here are some extra resources on MLA Style:

Owl Purdue

EasyBib

MLA Style Center
Works Cited


