



Works Cited Format Suggestions

A “Works Cited” page, or bibliography, is a list of works that you used for researching your essay. It is useful for two reasons: (1) to give proper credit to your sources and (2) to help your reader to find your sources.

The list below shows how to format commonly used sources in MLA (Modern Language Association) style. You can also use free programs, such as **NoodleBib Express** (<http://www.noodletools.com>) and **EasyBib** (<http://www.easybib.com/>), to create an entry in MLA format and paste it into your document.

General Tips

- The Works Cited is always the last page of your essay.
- Type the title “Works Cited” and center it on the page.
- List sources alphabetically by the first word or name of the source.
- If an entry goes beyond one line, always indent the next line(s) five spaces or one-half inch.
- Dates are written as: Day Month Year. For example: 14 May 2004 and 22 Feb. 2010
- Abbreviate all months except for May, June, and July. (e.g., Dec. and Feb.)

Sample Works Cited Page

Works Cited

Devitt, Terry. “Flying High.” *The Why Files*, 1999. Web. 16 Mar. 2010.

Enz, Tammy. *Build Your Own Fort, Igloo and Other Hangouts*. Mankato: Capstone Press, 2011.

Print.

Thompson, Lucas R. “Electricity.” Message to the author. 12 Dec. 2009. E-mail.

Sample Citations*

Book by One Author

Format:

Author (Last name, First name MI). *Title*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Print.

Example:

Enz, Tammy. *Build Your Own Fort, Igloo and Other Hangouts*. Mankato: Capstone Press, 2011. Print.

Book by Two or More Authors

Format:

Author (Last name, First name and First Name Last Name). *Title*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Print.

Example:

Woods, Mark and Ruth Owen. *Ace!: Tennis Facts and Stats*. New York: Gareth Stevens, 2011. Print.

Encyclopedia Article

Format:

Author of Specific Article (Last name, First name MI). "Title of Article." *Title of Encyclopedia*. Year published or edition. Print.

Note: If there is no author listed, begin the entry with the article title.

Example:

Pettingill, Olin S., Jr. "Falcon and Falconry." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 1980 ed. Print.

Magazine Article

Format:

Author (Last name, First name MI). "Title of the Article." *Title of the Magazine* Date of Issue (Day Month Year): page #s. Print.

Note: If there is no author listed, begin the entry with the article title.

Example:

DeAngelis, Gina. "Countdown to Yorktown: A Timeline." *Cobblestone* Oct. 2006: 4-7. Print.

Newspaper Article

Format:

Author (Last, First MI). "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper* Date of Publication (Day Month Year): Page Numbers. Print.

Example:

Ratti, Carlo. "Phone-Call Cartography." *New York Times* 3 July 2011: SR4. Print.

Interview Conducted by Researcher

Format:

Name of person (Last name, First name MI) interviewed. Type of interview. Date of interview (Day Month Year).

Notes: Type of interview can include Personal interview (if it was face-to-face), Telephone interview, or E-mail interview.

Example:

Lee, Emily. Personal Interview. 15 Oct. 2011.

Article on a Website

Format:

Author (Last name, First name MI). "Title of Internet Article." Title of Website, Year posted or last updated. Web. Date viewed (Day Month Year).

Example:

Devitt, Terry. "Flying High." *The Why Files*, 1999. Web. 16 Mar. 2010.

Online Encyclopedia Article

Format:

Author (Last name, First name MI). "Article Title." *Title of Encyclopedia*. Publisher, Date of publication. Web. Date viewed (Day Month Year).

Example:

Maier, Pauline. "Boston Tea Party." *World Book Student*. World Book, 2010. Web. 16 March 2010.

Personal E-mail

Format:

Author (Last name, First name MI) of e-mail. "Subject line from posting." Message to recipient. Date of message (Day Month Year). E-mail.

Example:

Thompson, Lucas R. "Electricity." Message to the author. 12 Dec. 2010. E-mail.

*Source: Modern Language Association of America. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 7th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009. Print.