



MLA Tipsheet- 8th Edition

When, Where, and Why do We Cite?

- **When:** When we **quote, paraphrase, and use** other people's writing, ideas, statistics, and/or images.
- **Where:** We must cite **inside** our own paper (using in-text citations) and on our **works cited page** at the end of our paper.
- **Why:** To **give credit** to others for their work and to **give credibility** to our own arguments.

Works Cited Entries

- Use "Works Cited" for multiple entries and "Work Cited" for only one entry for sources cited in your paper. Use a bibliography for sources referenced, but not cited in your paper.
- Not all of the information you need for citing is always available; find what you can, and leave out the other elements.

Cite in this order

- Author/ Title of Source/ Title of Container (journal, newspaper, website, etc.)/ Other contributors (like editor or translator)/ Version/ Volume Number/ Issue Number/ Publisher (or Sponsor)/ Publication Date/ Location (page number(s)/website URL/DOI).

What is in *Italics*? What is in “Quotation Marks?”

- Book titles: *Italics*
- Website titles: *Italics*
- Movie title: *Italics*
- Articles/Periodicals: “Quotation Marks”
- Songs/Poems: “Quotation Marks”
- Albums: “Quotation Marks”

In-Text Citations

- When the sentence **does not contain the author’s name**, give the last name and page number.
 - e.g., “The themes of war being peace and freedom being slavery is highly criticized through the book” (Orwell 4).
- When the **author is in the sentence**, just the page number is given.
 - e.g., “George Orwell makes his argument by stating his critiques of the slogan ‘War is Peace’” (4).
- List both names when **two** authors are cited
 - e.g. (Jones and Porter 44–52).
- Abbreviate when **three or more** names are listed
 - e.g. (Jones et al 44–52).
- If you are using **multiple texts by one author** you give the full title if it’s short or a shortened version of the title (around three words) if it is long and the page number.
 - e.g. (*Policy* 15).
- If **no author is listed**, provide the long version or abbreviated title of piece and page number if you have it.
 - e.g. (“Table Tent” 22).

Example Works Cited Page from MLA Handbook 8th edition

***Note:** Citations are placed in **alphabetical order**, have **hanging indentions**, and are **double-spaced**.

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