

Referencing Using the Modern Language Association (MLA) Format For English, History and Modern Languages

There are two important components of the MLA format. The first is the in-text citation. This means that you must place a citation (in brackets) within your text whenever you quote, paraphrase, or otherwise use information produced by someone else.

e.g. The cheetah has been classified as endangered because of its small population size and its lack of genetic diversity (Baldauf 204).

- *Baldauf is the last name of the author whom you are sourcing.*
- *The number 204 indicates the page on which the information can be found.*

The following formats should be used when constructing your citations.

One author

Isaac (201) indicated in his research

In a recent study, research indicated (Isaac 201)

Two or more authors

Always cite both names every time you refer to work generated by two authors. For works with three or more authors, cite all authors the first time the reference occurs. In all further citations, include only the last name of the first author followed by et al.

No authors

Cite the first few words of what appears first for the entry in your references list (usually the title) and the year.

The second component of MLA format is the list of all materials you cited throughout your paper, entitled "Works Cited". This list will give more detail on publisher, journal title, etc. for each source that was given throughout your paper. Only include sources you cited in your Works Cited list. The following formats should be used when creating your references list at the end of your paper.

- *Begin the reference list on a new page, with the title, Works Cited, centred in the top middle of the page.*
- *If the list takes up more than one page, do not re-title each page.*
- *Use one space after all punctuation.*
- *Double space between items.*
- *Double space with hanging indent (after the first, additional lines are indented five spaces) within citations.*
- *Italicise titles of book, journals etc.*
- *Arrange entries in alphabetical order.*

Journal Article, One Author

Simon, A. "Perceptual comparisons through the mind's eye". *Memory and Cognition*, 23 (2000): 635-647.

Journal Article, Two Authors

Becker, M.M. and Rozek, S.J.. "Welcome to the energy crisis". *Journal of Social Issues*, 32 (1995): 230-343.

Magazine Article

Garner, H.J. "Do Babies Have a Universal Song?". *Psychology Today*, 10 July 1997: 70-77.

Newspaper Article

Fletcher, I.M. "Study Finds Free Care Used More." *Wall Street Journal*, 10 Dec. 1996, pp. A1, A25.

Newspaper Article, no author

"Study Finds Free Care Used More." *Wall Street Journal*, 10 Dec. 1996, pp. A1, A25.

Book

Strunk, W. *The Elements of Style (3rd ed.)* New York: Macmillan, 1979.

Edited Book

Letheridge, S. and Cannon, C.R., eds. *Bilingual education*. New York: Praeger, 1980. 24-26.

Entry in an Encyclopedia

"Imago". *World Book Encyclopedia*. Vol. 10, p. 79, 2000.

Report from a Private Organization

Kimberly-Clark. Kimberly-Clark (Annual Report). Dallas, Texas: I.M Fletcher, 2002.

Dissertation

Olsen, G.W. "Campus child care within the public supported post-secondary educational institutions in the state of Wisconsin (dare care)." Diss. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1985.

Videotape/DVD

Mass, J.B. (Producer), and Gluck, D.H. (Director). *Deeper into hypnosis*. (Motion Picture) 1979.

Internet Article Based on Print Source

(The citation is done as if it were a paper article and then followed by a retrieval statement that identifies the date retrieved and the source.)

Smith, R. "Achoo!" *Better Nutrition*. January 1999. Retrieved September 17, 2001.

Web Page with Private Organization as Author

Midwest League. Pitching, individual records. 1 October 2003,
<http://www.midwestleague.com/indivpitching.html>

Chapter or Section in an Internet Document

Thompson, G. "Youth coach handbook". In *Joe Soccer*. 17June, 2001,
<http://www.joesoccer.com/menu.html>

Web Page, Government Author

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. "Glacial Habitat Restoration Areas." 1 September, 2001
<http://www.dnrstate.wi.us/org/land/wildlife/hunt/hra.htm>