

## Using the MLA Style Manual

### Compiling a Works Cited Page

#### Overview

2 Parts of Documenting Sources

- **Works Cited Page**

Lists the sources used in the presentation alphabetically by author's last name

- **Parenthetical Citation**

Entered within the text following evidence to show where it came from

\* NOTE: **Formatting is a critical part of attribution. Pay close attention to the order of information, punctuation, and spacing.**

#### Works Cited Page

What you need to know

The main types of sources

- Books
- Periodical
- Electronic
- Other

The types of information in the entry

- Author(s) or Editor(s) of the Main Source
- Title of Main Source
- Author(s) or Editor(s) of the Article or Chapter
- Title of Article or Chapter
- City of Publication: Name of Publisher
- Date of Publication/ Access
- Page numbers

#### Types of Sources: Books

- **Basic Format**

- Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

- **Example**

- Gleick, James. *Chaos: Making a New Science*. New York: Penguin, 1987. Print.

**NOTE:** Types of books are subdivided. For example: Books with more than one author, Books with no author, Editions, Etc.

### **Types of Sources: Periodicals**

- **Basic Format**

- Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: pages.  
  
Medium of publication.

- **Example**

- Poniewozik, James. "TV Makes a Too-Close Call." *Time* 20 Nov. 2000: 70-71. Print.

**NOTE:** Types of periodicals are subdivided. For example: Magazine article, Editorials, Newspaper articles, etc.

### **Types of Sources: Electronic**

- **Basic Format**

- Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site*. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access. [URL-optional].

- **Example**

- *The Purdue OWL Family of Sites*. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008. Web. 23 April 2008.

### **Types of Sources: Other**

- **Basic Format**

- **Personal Interviews**

- Name of the interviewee. Personal interview. Date of the interview.

- **Example**

- Purdue, Pete. Personal interview. 1 Dec. 2000.

**NOTE:** Look up other types of sources by type.

**Steps to Compiling a Works Cited Page [1 of 2]**

- Gather source cards throughout discovery process
- For each source in turn determine main source type
- Locate the Main Source Type in Table of Contents of The MLA Handbook
- Examine details on source card to determine subtype of source
- Locate sub source type in Table of Contents of MLA Handbook.

**Steps to Compiling a Works Cited Page [2 of 2]**

- Substitute the information from your source into the model entry
- Format all of the entries
- Alphabetize the entries
- Format the page according to the general format instructions.

**General Formatting  
Work Cited Page**

- Begin on a separate page at the end of your research paper.
- One-inch margins
- Paper Header (Last Name page at upper right)
- Words Works Cited at the top center of the page
- Double space throughout
- Indent all lines after first for each entry
- Alphabetized by first information in the entry

**Sample Works Cited Page**

## Works Cited

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Global Warming and Financial Imbalances." *New Perspectives Quarterly*  
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