MLA Format and Citations – Guided Notes

Basics

* Papers should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ font, size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Papers should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* You do not need a cover page. Include a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Include a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the top right corner of each page, including your last name.
* Margins should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* In academic writing, refrain from using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such as “I”, “my”, “you”, etc.
* The first time you refer to the author, use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Each subsequent time, use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + For example, when referring to the author of Night, say “Elie Wiesel” the first time and “Wiesel” each subsequent time. Do NOT simply say, “Elie”.
* Use academic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_tense in your writing. For instance, “Harper Lee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the theme of innocence…”
  + Incorrect: “Harper Lee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the theme of innocence…”

Textual Support

* In every essay you write, you will be required to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* When you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a text, you are required to include an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which identifies the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the quote is from.
* At the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the essay, you are required to make a list of all the sources you cited in your project. This list is called your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ page.
* Using MLA format, create citations for each source that you quoted in your project. Citations include the author of the source, the title of the source, date of publication, medium of publication, and date of access. Citations should include page number(s) of the source, if available.
* The format for a book citation is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Example of a citation for a book:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* How to format the Works Cited Page :
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  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_cited within your paper should be documented with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on your Works Cited page
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on your Works Cited page should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_somewhere in your paper.
* In-text citations should include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Citation should be placed at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, after the quote, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the punctuation. For example:
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* If no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is available, simply include the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For example:
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* You may also include the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the body of your writing, in which case you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ need to include it in the parenthetical citation.

For example:

* + In his book *The Things They Carried*, Tim O’Brien writes, “In many cases a true war story cannot be believed” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* If a work has no known author, put the title of the work in quotation marks.

For example:

“By hell-forged hands, His misery leaped/ The seas, was told and sung in all/ Men's ears” (“Beowulf”, 28).

* When citing quotes from a play, use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with a period in between each. If you have mentioned the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ somewhere earlier in the paper, you do not need to include it in your parenthetical citation. For example, a quote from *Romeo and Juliet* from Act 1, Scene 2, lines 1-3 should be cited as follows:

“CAPULET

But Montague is bound as well as I,

In penalty alike, and 'tis not hard, I think,

For men so old as we to keep the peace”

(I.ii.1-3).

* On your Works Cited page, cite the play the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way you would cite a book.
* If you need to know how to create a citation for a source other than a book or a play, or if you forget anything you’ve learned today, go to the Purdue Online Writing Lab for help with all things MLA! <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>