

# MLA Citations

When citing your resources in your paper, you need to cite them in two ways: in text and on the Works Cited page.

## In-text citations

### Parenthetical citations

In MLA citations, the in-text citations should include the author's last name and the page number the information was found on (if available).

### In-text (parenthetical) example

Often, "[t]he greatest generation..." (Smith 263).

### Signal phrase

Another way of doing in-text citations is by introducing the author's name in a signal phrase and adding the page number at the end of the quotation or paraphrase. This is how you want to cite information the first time it appears in your paper. After that, you can use the parenthetical example from above.

### In-text (signal phrase) example

According to Anna Smith, Professor of History in the School of Humanities, "The greatest generation..." (263).

## Works Cited page

The Works Cited page shows your reader all relevant information regarding your sources. On your Works Cited page, you typically need to include the following information for each source.

- The author's name
- The title of the source
- Publication information
- Date of publication
- Medium of publication (print, web, video file, etc.)

When you list electronic sources on your Works Cited page, you need to also include the following.

- Website publication information
- The date you accessed the information

More information is usually needed for different types of sources, so be sure to consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, [Purdue OWL](#), or another citation resource.

### Works Cited book example

Author's Name	Book Title	Edition	Place of Publication	Publisher Name	Year of Publication	Medium of Publication
Herrick, James A.	<i>The History and Theory of Rhetoric: An Introduction</i>	4th ed.	Boston	Pearson Education,	2009	Print

Works Cited web page example

Web Page	Web Site Title	Web Site Publisher or	Year of Publication	Medium of Publication	Date Accessed
"MLA Formatting and Style Guide."	<i>The OWL at Purdue</i>	Purdue University.	2015.	Web.	18 Feb. 2015.

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