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Guidelines from the MLA Handbook (9th edition) and the MLA Style Center:

<https://style.mla.org/mla-format/>

Basics of the Works Cited Page

- The Works Cited page should be its own page at the end of the paper.
- “Works Cited” (without the quotation marks) should be centered at the top of the page.
- The list of sources should be double spaced.
- Use a hanging indentation for each source. This means begin each entry with the left margin but each subsequent line is indented by half an inch. Here are instructions on how to add hanging indents in Microsoft Word: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/create-or-remove-a-hanging-indent-11428fed-a282-4dd6-adf2-98bb8282c1ce>
- Alphabetize by the first term in each entry. (This is generally the author’s last name, but it could be the title of the work if there is no author)

Core Elements

Author. (last name, first name)

Title of Source. (include in quotation marks if an article)

Title of Container, (in italics)

Other Contributors,

Version,

Number,

Publisher,

Publication date,

Location.

*Many students wonder about the element, “Title of container.” The “container” concept is relevant when citing an article in a journal. The article is the source, and the container is the journal that the article was published in. Likewise, if citing a chapter in an edited book, the chapter is the source, and the edited book is the container.

For more detailed information of each core element, please consult the MLA Style page here:

<https://style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide/>

Example of Book with One Author:

Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Harper Perennial Modern Classics, 2006.

Example of a Book with Multiple Authors:

Smith, John, and David Northhouse. *A Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Graywolf Press, 2020.

Examples of Journal Articles:

Northhouse, David D. "Disneyland: Guide to Using a Fast Pass." *American Amusement Park Review*, vol. 26, no. 1, 2006, pp. 22-43.

Smith, John. "Having Fun While Writing a Paper." *International Journal of Writing*, vol. 13, no. 3, 2010, pp. 27-36.

Example of Webpages:

Clark, Christine, and Jacqueline Weiss. "The 9 Best Vegan Cheeses of 2023." *The Spruce Eats*, 27 Jan. 2023, www.thespruceeats.com/best-dairy-free-cheeses-1001581. Accessed 13 July 2023.

*Note that MLA does not start website address with "http://"—always start with "www." Further, an Access Date is not required, though it is recommended for webpages that may change.