

FAQs for MLA Works Cited Pages

What is a reference page?

Just like it sounds, a works cited page is a place for you to list all of the sources you cited in your essay. It always comes at the end of the document.

Why do I need them?

Most importantly, works cited pages will prevent you from being accused of plagiarism. They give credit to the authors of the works that you use, and they help your reader to recognize and find your research.

When do I need them?

You'll need a works cited page for any as

Works Cited

Barthelme, Frederick. "Architecture." *Kansas Quarterly* 13.3-4 (1981): 77-80. Print

Franke, Damon. *Modernist Heresies: British Literary History, 1883*

The Sources

Each different kind of source is cited in a different way. A citation for a journal article will look different than a citation for a book. While there are too many kinds of sources to include in one handout, we'll look at three of the most common here: journal articles, books, and a work from an anthology.

Journal Article

The citation should include:

- ___ The author's last and first name. If your author's name is John Smith, it will appear as "Smith, John."
- ___ The title of the article in quotation marks.
- ___ The title of the journal in italics.
- ___ The volume and issue number of the journal written with a decimal. If it is Volume 56, issue 2, it will appear in your citation as 56.2.
- ___ The year of the journal's publication in parentheses, followed by a colon.
- ___ The page range of the article. For the ending page number, include only the last two digits unless the first digit is different than that of the beginning page. For example, write "280-99" instead of "280-299," but write "280-300" instead of "280-00."
- ___ The medium of publication.

Here are some examples:

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Lastname, First. "Title of article." *Title of Periodical* 00.0 (year): 000-00. Print.

Barthelme, Frederick. "Architecture." *Kansas Quarterly* 13.3-4 (1981): 77-80. Print

Book

The citation should include:

Lastname, First. *Title of Book*. City: Publisher Name, year. Print.

Kirby, David. *What Is a Book?* Athens: U of Georgia P, 2002. Print.

A Work from an Anthology

This includes a poem or short story published in an anthology, an essay from a collection, and a single chapter from a book. The citation should include.

- ___ The author's last and first name.
- ___ The title of the author's work in quotation marks.
- ___ The title of the book that the work is published in in italics.
- ___ The editor of the anthology. His/her name will be prefaced with "Ed."
- ___ The city of publication.
- ___ The publisher's name.
- ___ The year of publication.
- ___ The page range of the work.
- ___ The medium of publication.

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