

# MLA Format: Works Cited (Print Sources)

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## Works Cited Guidelines:

- Start **Works Cited** on a new page with a page number; center the words “Works Cited” at top.
- Include all sources cited in the text, both primary and secondary. (Do not include sources consulted but not cited.)
- **Alphabetize** by the last name of the author, or the first significant word of an organization as author, or the first significant word of the title if the work has no author.
- Each entry must contain the author’s name, the article or book title, the source or publisher, the date, and the medium (e.g., Print). Omit this information only if it is not available. Use n.d. if the source has no date. Use n. pag. if no page numbers are given.
- Use a hanging indent (indent the second and subsequent lines in each entry).

## Conventions:

- **Use periods** between elements and at the citation end. Leave one space after each period.
- **Use quotation marks** around article titles; **italicize** the titles of publications such as books and journals.
- **Use commas** between the names of multiple authors, with the word “and” before the last author’s name. In a listing of multiple authors, reverse the first and last names of the first author only. List multiple authors in the order in which they appear on the source.
- Separate the volume and issue number information for journal articles with a period and no space. For example, volume 23, issue 3, would appear as 23.3.
- Capitalize each significant word of the title and subtitle as well as all proper names.
- Maintain double-spacing (examples below are single-spaced only to conserve space).

## Microsoft Office 2007 Notes

- The basic MLA template in MS *Word* may not create complete, correct MLA citations. Use the formats illustrated here or in the *MLA Handbook*.

Examples (single-spaced here to conserve space):

### Book:

Follett, Ken. *The Pillars of the Earth*. New York: Penguin, 2007. Print.

### Pamphlet:

*Multimedia Teaching and Learning Center*. El Paso, Texas: University of Texas at El Paso, n.d. Print.

### Print Journal Article:

Clark, Alice L., and George H. Dalrymple. “\$7.8 Billion for Everglades Restoration: Why Do Environmentalists Look So Worried?” *Population and Environment* 24.6 (2003): 541-569. Print.

**Government publication:**

United States. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Infections Alert for Institutions of Higher Education*. Washington: GPO, 2009. Print.

**Newspaper:**

Hansell, Saul. "Wireless Start-Up Fails to Get Financing." *New York Times* 9 Jan. 2008: C3. Print.

**Film, Videotape, or DVD:**

*Crash*. Dir. Paul Haggis. Perf. Karina Arroyave, Dato Bakhtadze, and Sandra Bullock. Bull's Eye Entertainment, 2004. DVD.

**A Work in an Anthology:**

Hurston, Zora Neale. "Sweat." *Literature and Its Writers: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry, and Drama*. Ed. Ann Charters and Samuel Charters. 2nd ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2001. 351-360. Print.

**Print map or chart:**

"Timeline of World History." Chart. *A Writer's Resource: A Handbook for Writing and Research*. 2nd ed. By Elaine P. Maimon, Janice H. Peritz and Kathleen Blake Yancey. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2009. FR-1-FR-16. Print.

**Example of a Works Cited Page:**

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