

Citing Sources: MLA Style



This guide only covers the basics. For more information on MLA style, please consult the OKM Library website at:

<http://libraryokm.weebly.com/cite-your-sources.html>

In-Text Citations

When using another person's words, facts, or ideas in your research assignment, you need to give them credit. This is done by including the author's last name and page number(s) in brackets following the information being quoted or paraphrased:

... (Smith 9-10).

If you mention the author in your text, only the page numbers are needed in brackets: Smith claims ... (9-10)

Two Authors

... (Smith and Green 32).

Smith and Green found ... (32).

Three or More Authors

Only include the name of the first author listed and add "et al." in place of the names of the other authors.

... (Healey, G.K., et al. 89).

Healey et al. determined . . . (89).

Online Sources (No pages)

Use only the author's last name, or if no author is listed, use the first word of the title.

... (Goldtooth).

... ("Impacts").

Plays and Poetry

Instead of page numbers, use divisions (act, scene, book, part) and line numbers with periods separating them:

... (*Hamlet* 1.5.35-37).

Works Cited List

What is it?

- A Works Cited List is the last page of your research assignment. It provides a list of all the sources you referenced in your paper or used in your research. If you use someone else's words, facts, or ideas, you will need to cite them as a source.
- For each source you need to create citation and then list the citations alphabetically by author's last name. The citations listed need to match up with the in-text citations you used throughout your research assignment.

Why is it important?

- It shows your academic integrity as a researcher by giving credit and acknowledging other people's ideas.
- If you do not give credit to sources you have referenced or used in your research assignment, this is called **plagiarism**.
- It shows your readers that you have done proper research to support your ideas.

Plagiarism is using someone's words, ideas, and thoughts as your own without giving credit to them.

Formatting Citations for a Works Cited List

Book (Print)

Works Cited Format:

Author Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*.
Publisher, Publication Year.

Works Cited Example:

Marsden, William. *Stupid to the Last Drop: How Alberta Is Bringing Environmental Armageddon to Canada (and Doesn't Seem to Care)*. Vintage, 2008.

In-Text Citation Example: ... (Marsden 65).

Database Article

Works Cited Format:

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article."
Title of Journal, volume #, issue #,
Publication Year, Page #s. *Title of Database*.

Works Cited Example:

Healey, G.K., et al. "Community Perspectives on the Impact of Climate Change on Health in Nunavut, Canada." *Arctic*, vol. 64, no. 1, 2011, pp. 89-97. *Global Issues in Context*.

In-Text Citation Example: ... (Healey, G.K., et al. 89-97).

Online Magazine Article

Works Cited Format:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article: Subtitle." *Title of Magazine*, volume #, issue #, Publication Year, Page #s.

Works Cited Example:

Russell, Rhiannon. "Running in the Age of Climate Change." *Canadian Running*, vol. 11, no. 7, 2018, pp. 46-49.

In-Text Citation Example: ... (Russell 46-49).

Webpage

Works Cited Format:

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Webpage."
Title of Website, Publisher, Publication Year,
URL.

Works Cited Example:

"Impacts of Climate Change." *Province of British Columbia*, Province of British Columbia, 2017, www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climatechange/adaptation/impacts.

In-Text Citation Example: ... ("Impacts").

Digital Image

Works Cited Format:

Creator's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Image."
Title of Website, Contributor(s) First Name
Last Name, Version #, Publisher, Publication
Year, URL.

Works Cited Example:

Cordahi, Janet. "How Concerned are Canadians about Climate Change?" *Global News*, Ipsos, 2015, <https://globalnews.ca/news/2366032/climate-change-a-low-priority-for-most-canadians-poll/>.

In-Text Citation Example: ... (Cordahi).

Online Video

Works Cited Format:

Creator's Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Video."
Title of Website, Contributor(s) First Name
Last Name, Version #, Publisher, Publication
Year, URL.

Works Cited Example:

Goldtooth, Tom. "System Change Not Climate Change: Indigenous People's Perspectives." *The Council of Canadians*, 2011, <https://canadians.org/systemchange-indigenous>.

In-Text Citation Example: ... (Goldtooth).

Works Cited List Example

Put the Works Cited page on its own page at the end of your document

Centre the title and do not italicize.

Space your text the same as the rest of your document, whether single or double-spacing.

Keep margins the same as the rest of your document at 1"

Create hanging indents by indenting 0.5" the second and following lines of each source.

Capitalize author names and all words in titles except for prepositions (on, in, of), articles (a, an, the), and conjunctions (but, and, or).

Use quotation marks for titles of works within a larger work, like articles, chapters, and songs.

Use italics for titles of larger works like books, journals, and magazines.

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