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Commonly used in the humanities, the latest edition of the MLA Handbook no longer emphasizes the publication format, relying instead on the following core elements and simplified punctuation between elements:

- Author.
- Title of source.
- Title of container (the larger whole, e.g., collection, periodical, etc.),
- Other contributors,
- Version,
- Number,
- Publisher,
- Publication date,
- Location (e.g., page number, URL, doi).

To introduce the bibliography, the phrase 'Works Cited' should be centered (not in bold or underlined). Acknowledge authors, whose words or ideas you have used, in two places in your essay: in the ‘Works Cited’ section and in the body of the essay via in-text citations.

Formatting Checklist

In-Text Citations

- Use parenthetical citations
- Should contain the author(s) last name(s). For sources with three or more authors, list only the first author’s name, and replace the additional authors names with et al.
- Page numbers are always required (applies to sources where either paraphrasing or quoting applies)

Works Cited

- For English titles and subtitles, capitalize all title words (except articles, prepositions and conjunctions when they fall in the middle of a title)
• For French titles and subtitles, capitalize only the first word and all words normally capitalized (e.g., people and places)
• Double-space entries.
• Indent the second line of each work (hanging indent)
• Should be double-spacing between entries
• Italicize titles.

Books

One author
In-text: (Munro 39)

Two authors
In-text: (Coates and Ewen 30)

Multiple editions
In-text: (Dickason 102)

Edited book
In-text: (Bloom 117)

E-book
In-text: (Goldman 75-80)

Book chapter
In-text: (Won 130)
Articles

E-journal

In-text: (Heller 42)

Print journal

In-text: (Pigott and Kalbach 12)

Magazine article

In-text: (Gladwell 33)

Newspaper article, print

In-text: (Gagnon A11)

Newspaper article, online

In-text: (Brody)

Course Materials

Lecture Slides

Powerpoint slides.

In-text: (Lockhart slide 2)
Course Kit


In-text: (Vernon 137)

Web Pages

Entire website


In-text Citation: (Occupy Toronto)

Web page


In-text: (Geist)

Encyclopedias

Print


In-text: (“Conflict Theory” 135)

Digital


In-text: (Peters)

Wikipedia

For Wikipedia, use the URL for the archived version of the page. You can find it by selecting the “view history” tab and clicking on the most recent date.


In-text: (“Lester B. Pearson”)
Film & Media

In-text citations for film and media will include the title of the work or shortened version of it, and where referring to a specific segment of a film or TV episode, the time range of relevance in the format hour: minutes: seconds, as shown below.

**Film**


In-text: *(Force of Nature 00:03:16-17)*

**TV Series**


In-text: *(Butt)*

**TV Series Episode**


In-text: *(“World’s Biggest Thing” 00:15:00-00:17:22)*

**YouTube Video**


In-text: *(Trudeau)*

**Digital Image**


In-text: *(Morey)*

**Poetry & Plays**

**Poem**


In-text: *(Oliver)*

In-text: (Oliver 82)

Poetry Citations: Notes

1. For short poems (a page or less), do not cite any number in the text.
2. For poems longer than a page and which also use line numbers or other parts, cite the line numbers or other parts, instead of page numbers. Use the form (line 57) or (lines 119–20) in the first citation. Do not use the label “line” or “lines” in subsequent citations. If other parts (books, etc.) are numbered as well as lines, combine the numbers without a label. For example, (9.19) for book 9, line 19.
3. If the poem is longer than a page but does not use line numbers or other parts, cite page numbers if available.

Play, Stand-Alone

If you are citing a published stand-alone play, you would use the same format as a book or e-book, as shown in this example for a print play:


In-text: (Friel, 23-25)

Play, in Collection or Anthology


In-text: (Hansol 24)

Government Documents

Authored, Print


In-text: (Hurley and Wherrett 3)

Digital, Corporate author, government report

In-text: (Canada, Office of the Auditor General 13)

**Digital, Corporate author, government agency report**


In-text: (Canada Council for the Arts, 2011)

**Indirect Sources**

**One author quotes another**

In a 2010 book by K. Anderson, you find a quote taken from Karl Marx’ *Collected Works* (1975). In the body of your essay, cite both authors, indicating the author of the original quote (Marx) in your sentence, and the author in whose work you found the quote (Anderson), in an in-text citation. In the Works Cited list, cite only the author in whose secondary source you found the quote (Anderson).

Marx astutely predicted that the railroad would “become the forerunner of modern industry” (qtd. in Anderson 22).

**Other MLA Citation Resources**


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