

MLA Format: In-Text Citations

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2. Print Sources: Cite by author's name and page number. If author's name given in sentence or understood, no need to include it in internal citation.

- Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

3. Electronic Sources: Cite by author's name. If no author, cite by first keyword of the title.

- The *Purdue OWL* is accessed by millions of users every year. Its "MLA Formatting and Style Guide" is one of the most popular resources (Russell).
- One online film critic stated that the film *Fitzcarraldo* "has become notorious for its near-failure and many obstacles" ("Fitzcarraldo").

Works Cited Page

1. Alphabetize entries!
2. Do not separate sources into categories (articles, books, etc). Include all works on a single list.
3. Double-space all lines, both within and between entries.
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6. Only works you actually cite in the paper belong on a works cited page. A bibliography includes all works you actually consulted.

MLA Works Cited Page Format (most common sources)

1. Book with a single author

Gleick, James. *Chaos: Making a New Science*. Penguin, 1987.

2. Work in an anthology, reference, or collection

Harris, Muriel. "Talk to Me: Engaging Reluctant Writers." *A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writers One to One*, edited by Ben Rafoth, Heinemann, 2000, pp. 24-34.

3. Article in a magazine

Poniewozik, James. "TV Makes a Too-Close Call." *Time*, 20 Nov. 2000, pp. 70-71.

4. Article in a newspaper

Brubaker, Bill. "New Health Center Targets County's Uninsured Patients." *Washington Post*, 24 May 2007, p. LZ01.

5. Article in a scholarly journal

Duvall, John N. "The (Super)Marketplace of Images: Television as Unmediated Mediation in DeLillo's *White Noise*." *Arizona Quarterly*, vol. 50, no. 3, 1994, pp. 127-53.

6. Website

General Format:

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site*. Version number, Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available), URL, DOI or permalink. Date of access (if applicable).

--If the name of site and the publisher are the same, include it only once

Example:

The Purdue OWL Family of Sites. The Writing Lab at Purdue University, 2008, owl.english.purdue.edu.

Accessed 23 Apr. 2020.

7. Article on a website

"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." *WebMD*, 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview. Accessed 3 March, 2021.