Using MLA Style for a Works Cited List

The following is a quick guide to using MLA Style for a works cited list. It is based on the seventh edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* and is not intended as a replacement for the book.

**PREPARING A WORKS CITED LIST**

The arrangement of the list is in alphabetical order by the last name of the first author, or if no author exists, then by title (ignoring A, An, or The).

**I. Books**

The main format for a print book in a Work Cited list is as follows:

Author’s Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Publication Information. Publication Format.

Here are some examples:

a. Single Author


b. Two or More Authors


c. Book by a Corporate Author


d. Essay in an Anthology

e. Essay in an Edited Anthology


f. Essay in an Anthology Originally Published Elsewhere


g. Article in a Well Known Reference Book

It is not necessary to give full publication information. See example below:


h. Article in a Lesser Known or Specialized Reference Book


II. Magazine or Newspaper Articles

The main format for periodical article in a work cited list is:

Author’s name. “Title of the article.” *Publication Title*. Publication information.

Publication Format.
Here are some examples:

a. Article in Scholarly Journal

b. Article in a Newspaper

c. Article in a Popular Magazine

III. Electronic Publications

The main format for periodical article in a work cited list is:

Author’s name. “Title of the article.” *Publication Title*. Publication information.

Publication Format. Date of Access.

Here are some examples:

a. Article in Academic Search Premier
b. Article in LexisNexis Academic


c. An Article from a Website


e. An Electronic Book


f. An Online Encyclopedia


IV. Other Formats

a. Sound Recording


b. Video Recording


c. Personal Interview


d. Television Broadcast