

## MLA Works Cited Cheat Sheet – from [The Purdue Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#)

Based on 9<sup>th</sup> edition the *MLA Style Guide*

Include these pieces of information in each Works Cited entry. The elements should be listed in this order and followed by the corresponding punctuation mark shown below:

Author.  
Title of source.  
Title of container,  
Other contributors,  
Version,  
Number,  
Publisher,  
Publication date,  
Location.

### **A Scholarly Journal Article**

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Volume, Issue, Year, pages.

Bagchi, Alaknanda. "Conflicting Nationalisms: The Voice of the Subaltern in Mahasweta Devi's *Bashai Tudu*." *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*, vol. 15, no. 1, 1996, pp. 41-50.

### **A Book**

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. City of Publication, Publisher, Publication Date.

Wordsworth, William. *Lyrical Ballads*. Oxford UP, 1967.

Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner. *The Allyn and Bacon Guide to Peer Tutoring*. Allyn and Bacon, 2000.

### **A Work in an Anthology or Collection**

Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*, edited by Editor's Name(s), Publisher, Year, Page range of entry.

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.

### **A Film**

*Speed Racer*. Directed by Lana Wachowski and Lilly Wachowski, performances by Emile Hirsch, Nicholas Elia, Susan Sarandon, Ariel Winter, and John Goodman, Warner Brothers, 2008.

### **A YouTube Video**

McGonigal, Jane. "Gaming and Productivity." *YouTube*, uploaded by Big Think, 3 July 2012, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E).

"8 Hot Dog Gadgets put to the Test." *YouTube*, uploaded by Crazy Russian Hacker, 6 June 2016, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBlpjSEtELs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBlpjSEtELs).

### **A Song**

Nirvana. "Smells Like Teen Spirit." *Nevermind*, Geffen, 1991.

Beyoncé. "Pray You Catch Me." *Lemonade*, Parkwood Entertainment, 2016, [www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/](http://www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/).

## MLA In-Text Citation Cheat Sheet – from [The Purdue Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#)

When you refer to words or ideas that someone else has created, you must include a citation to give credit to the author. In MLA style, we do this using parenthetical citations that usually include the author's last name and the page number where you are drawing the information from.

From *Purdue OWL*: "Any source information that you provide in-text must correspond to the source information on the Works Cited page. More specifically, whatever signal word or phrase you provide to your readers in the text must be the first thing that appears on the left-hand margin of the corresponding entry on the Works Cited page."

### In-text citations for sources with a known author:

- **Direct quotation + author-page parenthetical citation:**

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

- **Author name included in sentence + direct quotation + page number parenthetical citation:**

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

- **Paraphrase of author's words + page number parenthetical citation:**

Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

### In-text citations for sources with no known author

When a source has no known author, use a shortened title of the work instead of an author name. **A source that does not list an author is probably not peer-reviewed scholarship and may be inappropriate for college-level assignments.**

- Place the title in quotation marks if it's a short work (such as an article, a poem, a song) or italicize it if it's a longer work (e.g. plays, books, television shows, entire Web sites) and provide a page number if it is available.
- Titles longer than a standard noun phrase should be shortened into a noun phrase by excluding articles.
- Shorten titles into a noun phrase, or cut after the first clause, phrase, or punctuation:

For example: We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change . . ." ("Impact of Global Warming").

For example, "8 Hot Dog Gadgets put to the Test" would be: ("Hot Dog Gadgets").

### Citing Non-Print Sources

Sources like websites, films, and songs do not have page numbers, therefore you cannot include a page number in the parenthetical citation. In these cases, include the name of the author (or the title of the work if there is no author).

- **A Song (no page numbers):** Kurt Cobain gave voice to the angst of a generation when he sang, "Oh yeah, I guess it makes me smile ... Oh well, whatever, never mind" ("Smells Like Teen Spirit").
- **A website with no author and no page numbers:** The *Purdue OWL* is accessed by millions of users every year. Its "MLA Formatting and Style Guide" is one of the most popular resources.

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/mla\\_style/mla\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/mla\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html)