The Works Cited Page - MLA Style 8th Edition

This guide is a brief introduction to some of the most common types of citations using MLA style. The rules of citing materials using MLA style are developed by the Modern Language Association (MLA). For specific examples not included in this guide, please consult the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 8th edition, available at LB2369 .G53 2016, or consult the MLA Style Center’s Works Cited: A Quick Guide at: style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide/

Core Elements for Works Cited List

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The MLA 8th edition introduces a flexible system built upon core elements in a certain order. To create citations for your Works Cited list, use only important information that is available and necessary to find your source again.
EXAMPLES

Common Sources Found in the Cypress College Library

**Book with 1 Author**


**Book with 2 Authors**


**Book with 3 or More Authors**


**Chapter, Essay, or Other Work that Appears in an Anthology**


**Article in a Specialized Encyclopedia or Dictionary**


*Note: If an author’s name is not given, begin your citation with the name of the article.*

**Film on DVD or in Theater**


*Note: If a writer, director or other contributor is particular to your research, you can include them, or use them as the author.*

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**In-Text Citation**

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The proliferation of VCRs in people’s homes meant that “by the mid-1980s features shot directly on video were the standard” (Thomas 52).
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**Opposing Viewpoints**

Eikhof, Doris Ruth. "Frances McDormand is right—forget diversity 'initiatives', change the system."


Originally published as "Frances McDormand is right—forget diversity 'initiatives', change the system," *Guardian*, 5 Mar. 2018.

**CQ Researcher**


**NexisUni**


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Other Common Sources

Webpage


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Video Accessed via Youtube


Television Show on Netflix


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@Rwitherspoon. “Bravo @AmericaFerrera ! #AmericanLikeMe is a collection of 30 essays from a fantastic array of people who describe what the American experience is in their own words. Each perspective was so heartfelt, touching & true. So important to hear these real American Stories!” *Twitter*, 10, Oct. 2018, 3:59 p.m., twitter.com/RWitherspoon/status/1050158990250766336

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Current Cypress College students have access to NoodleTools, a comprehensive tool for creating bibliographies in a variety of formats, including MLA. Select Cite a Source? from our homepage to access additional citation help.

OWL at Purdue—owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

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