

MLA Style

This brief guide illustrates common types of citations using MLA format. Many kinds of sources are not covered in this guide so it is **strongly advised** that you consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* for complete information. Chapter 5, "Documentation: Preparing the List of Works Cited," is particularly helpful as it contains examples for citing a variety of sources. The *MLA Handbook* (R 808 G437MH 2009) is available in the reference collection and at the circulation desk on the first floor of the library. *Though MLA Style dictates that the Works Cited Page should be double-spaced, examples here are single-spaced to preserve space.*

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Basic Non-periodical (Book) Entry:

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Single Author:

Fukuyama, Francis. *Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution*. New York: Farrar, 2002. Print.

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Eggs, Suzanne, and Diana Slade. *Analysing Casual Conversation*. London: Cassell, 1997. Print.

Basic Periodical (Journal or Magazine) Article Entry:

Author's name. "Title of Article." Publication information. Print.

Scholarly Journal:

Trumpener, Katie. "Memories Carved in Granite: Great War Memorials and Everyday Life." *PMLA* 115 (2000): 1096-103. Print.

Magazine Article:

Fallows, James. "The Early-Decision Racket." *Atlantic Monthly* Sept. 2001: 37-52. Print.

Basic Internet Entry (List as much information as possible.)

Author's name. Title of Document. Title of Website. Date of Publication. Web. Date of Access. <URL>.

Eaves, Morris, Robert Essick, and Joseph Viscomi, eds. *The William Blake Archive*. Lib. Of Cong., 29 Sept. 2007. Web. 20 Nov. 2007 <<http://www.blakearchive.org/blake/>>.