

# How to Write an MLA Works Cited Page

## What Goes On Your Works Cited Page?

Anything that you use from a published work in a paper or project must be cited on your works cited paper. This handout gives you an idea of the information that you will need, but you can double check by looking at <http://www.citationmachine.net/index.php?callstyle=1&all>.

1. **Name of author** or other person responsible for the work (editor, translator, etc.).
2. **Article or Essay title** in a larger database or work, in quotation marks.
3. **Main Title** (of book, encyclopedia, magazine, journal) in italicized or underlined.
4. **Name of editor or translator** of a book (unless used earlier), use MLA abbreviation (ed., trans., etc.).
5. **Publication information** (City: Publisher, Year).
6. **Version number** (if applicable and not part of the title); or volume or issue number.
7. **Most recent publication date of posting or updating** (for websites; usually found at the bottom).
8. **Access date** (date you retrieved the information off a website)
9. **Page range** (list the range of pages for the article title in #2).
10. **URL** (in **<angle brackets>** and underlined).

**NOTA BENE:** If a source does not have information in any of these categories, **skip that step** and move on to the next one.

## Formatting the Works Cited Page

1. **Alphabetize** each entry according to the first letter of the entry (last name of author or first main word in the article title if there is no author posted).
2. Place a **period** after each piece of information.
3. **Indent** all entries 1 inch from the left and right margins.
4. Any entry that goes onto a second line should be **indented an additional ½ inch**.
5. Title your page: **Works Cited**.
7. **Double-space** your Works Cited Page.