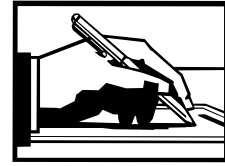




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MLA Citation consists of two parts: **Parenthetical Citations** and a **Works Cited page**

Parenthetical Citations are placed at the end of each sentence after a quote or paraphrase.

Most in-text citations consist of the author's last name and the page number where you found the information.

There are two techniques you can use when creating in-text citations: 1) placing the author's name or the title of the work in the text 2) placing the author's name in reference.

AUTHOR'S NAME IN TEXT
Jameson has argued the opposite point of view (152).

AUTHOR'S NAME IN REFERENCE
The opposite point of view has been argued (Jameson 152).

NO AUTHOR

If there is no author named, use a shortened form of the title.

TITLE IN REFERENCE
There are thirteen key recommendations ("Bad Habits" 83).

NO PAGE NUMBER

If there are no page numbers, as is usual with Web documents, do not make up page numbers.

AUTHOR'S NAME IN REFERENCE
This perspective was validated (Rogers).

2 OR MORE AUTHORS WITH THE SAME LAST NAME

If you reference two or more authors with the same last name, distinguish them by using their first initial.

AUTHOR'S NAME IN REFERENCE
Some critics say that comic books are a dying medium (R. Davis 542).

2 OR MORE WORKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR

If you reference two or more works by the same author, distinguish them by using a shortened version of the title.

AUTHOR'S NAME IN REFERENCE
She stresses her belief in the power of names when Pilate says, "I'd know her ribbon color anywhere, but I don't know her name" (Morrison, Song 42).

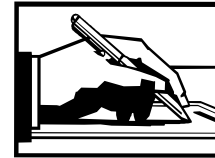
SHORT QUOTATION

AUTHOR IN TEXT
Reily contends, "the species requires special protection because of its fragile nature" (246).

AUTHOR IN REFERENCE
Some contend that certain measures must be considered: "the species requires special protection because of its fragile nature" (Reily 246).



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WORKS CITED PAGE REMINDERS

- A citation must be created for every source you use to write your essay.
- Your Works Cited page must be double-spaced and in alphabetical order by the first letter of each citation.
- In a citation, every line under the first line must be indented.
- All the names of the months should be abbreviated using the first 3 letters, except for May, June, July, and September. For September, use "Sept."
- If part of your citation information isn't available, leave it out, but continue with what's remaining as normal.

BOOKS

Author(s). Book Title. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page Numbers.

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ARTICLE FROM A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

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