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Style Guide for MLA Works Cited List

General Guidelines for Works Cited:
• Works Cited begins on a separate page at the end of the paper
• Heading (Works Cited) is centered at the top with no underlining, italicizing or quotation marks
• Alphabetize sources by author’s last name; for works without an author, alphabetize by title
• Generally, italicize titles of books and journals
• All lines after the first line of each source should be indented 0.5” (hanging indent)
• Sources are double-spaced within and between entries
• The date of access for electronic resources is optional but recommended when the source provides no date

For other MLA format questions, the MLA Handbook, 8th edition is available in the library. Citation help links and this handout are available on the library’s How to Cite page on the college website.

Core Elements
MLA citations are based on nine basic pieces of information that are common to most resources. Include all the core elements that the source provides. Any element the source does not provide does not apply and is omitted from the citation. One of the core elements is the container. A container is anything that holds the cited source, such as a magazine, website, or database. A source may have more than one container. The examples below show the core elements and the proper formatting and punctuation for MLA Works Cited lists.

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<th>Core elements:</th>
<th>Article in a Database Example (Two containers)</th>
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Academic Search Complete, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0490.1.
# MLA Works Cited Examples

## Books & E-books

### Book in Print - Two Authors and 2nd Edition

### Article in a Book in Print (Anthology)

### E-book from eBooks on Ebscohost

## Articles

### Journal Article – More than Two Authors from Academic Search Complete (EBSCOhost Database)

### Magazine Article from Opposing Viewpoints in Context (Gale Database)

### Newspaper Article from Newspaper Source Plus (EBSCOhost Database)

### Newspaper Article from a Newspaper Website

## Websites

### Article on a Website

### Entire Website

## Films & Videos

### Film from a Database

### YouTube Video