

MLA: Works Cited Page

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Important things to remember when creating your list of works cited:

- The list of works cited should include **all of** the works you will be citing in the text of your paper and **only** works actually cited in the text of your paper.
- Create the works cited page **before** you begin to write so that you will know how to document sources where you use them in your paper (parenthetical documentation).
- The works-cited page always appears at the end of the paper.
- Always begin the list of works cited on a new page.
- Just as with the rest of your paper, include your last name and the page number in the upper right-hand corner of the page, ½ inch from the top and flush with the right margin.
- Citations on the works-cited list should be organized **alphabetically** by author's last name. If the author's name is unknown, alphabetize by the title. If the title begins with A, An or The, ignore it and alphabetize according to the next word in the title.
- The page should simply be headed Works Cited. This heading should be placed one inch from the top of the page, centered in the middle. It is not underlined or italicized.
- The entire works-cited list should be **double spaced**, both between entries and within them.
- Each citation should begin at the left margin. If a citation runs over one line, **all additional lines are indented five spaces**. This is called a hanging indentation.

See other side for a sample Works Cited list.

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