MLA STYLE: Citing Your Source

**Parenthetical Citations:** The purpose of in-text citations is to point your reader to the correct documentation in the Works Cited list. Generally, it will be author’s last name and page number, unless the author’s name was included in the sentence. Then just use the page number:

**EXAMPLE:** Although he acknowledges there are contradictions, Walforth states “most scientists believe in global warming” (83). (NOTE THE PERIOD GOES AT THE VERY END!)

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**Book With One Author**

Last name, First name. *Title of Source.* Publisher, date of publication.


**Parenthetical Citation:** (Fleming 38)

If author mentioned in sentence: According to Fleming, the first President did not seek nomination (38).

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**Book By Multiple Authors**

Last name, First name, and First Name, Last name. *Title of Source.* Publisher, date of publication. *(If there are 3 authors or more, just list the first one, followed by et al.)*


**Parenthetical Citation:** (Thorn and Cartwright 89)

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**Multiple Works By One Author**

List the works alphabetically, by title. (Ignore words like “the” and “an”) Provide the author’s name for the first title only.

**EX:** Hartford, William J. *Austen and New Historicism.* St. Martin's, 1997.


**Parenthetical Citation:** Use shortened form of title. Articles in quotation marks, titles of books in italics. (Hartford, *New Historicism* 38)
Interview:
Subject. Personal Interview. Date.

EX. Whitehurst, Daniel. Personal interview. 5 Mar 2003.
Parenthetical Citation: If not named in sentence (Whitehurst)

Email (including email interview)
Author. “Subject line.” Message to your name. Date.


Indirect Source (Quotation found in a book by a different author)
She argues that high schools are pressured to act as “social service centers, and they don’t do that well” (Ravitch, qtd. in Cannon 34).


Online Video
Last name, First of the creator. “Video Title.” Title of Container. Role of relevant contributors, first and last names. Publisher, Publication date, Location.

EXAMPLES:

Charts, Diagrams, maps

- In text citation: (see fig. 1, see fig. 2 etc)
- Label—Fig 1, Fig 2, etc under the figure
- In same line, include short caption and full citation information.

Musical Scores: Do the same, but label them “Ex. 1,” etc


TABLES

In text: (see table 4)

- Label: Table 1, Table 4, etc.
- On the next line, title the table
- Under these, align table flush left
- Under table, type Source: MLA citation

Table 2
Cost of Oil 1933-1950

Quoted Material from a Teacher Handout

Author of quoted source. “Title of article or speech” Title of Publication. (if available). "Title of Handout.” Handout. Title of course. (Name of instructor.) Name of school. Date of handout.

EXAMPLE:


Note: If any of the above information is not given, leave the information out.
# MLA Practice Template

1. **Author.**

2. **Title of source.**

**CONTAINER 1**

3. **Title of container,**

4. **Other contributors,**

5. **Version,**

6. **Number,**

7. **Publisher,**

8. **Publication date,**

9. **Location.**

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