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Books That Can Help You with MLA Format

Use James Lester's *Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide*. 13th ed. 2010. LB2369.L4 (many of the examples used in this presentation are from Lester's book). This is a great place to get help with in-text documentation and paraphrasing.

Use the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*. 3rd ed. 2008. Ready Ref. PN147.G444

Use the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 7th ed. 2009. Ready Ref. LB2369.G53

Web Sites That Can Help You With MLA Format

MLA's Web page helps with citing the Web.

<http://www.mla.org>

The Purdue Online Writing Lab has great examples and helps with paraphrasing.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/05>

Duke University Web site has examples of citation formats for a variety of different sources shown in APA, Chicago, MLA, Turabian, and CSE.

http://www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/cite/works_cited.htm



Format for the Works Cited Page

Use 1" margins at top, bottom, left and right.

Put your last name and the page number on each page, 1/2" from the right side of your paper.

Then **double space** throughout the Works Cited. Do not single space any line.

Begin each entry at the **left margin**.

Indent the second and all subsequent lines in a citation 1/2 inch (5 spaces if using a typewriter). This is called a hanging indention.

Alphabetize citations by author's last name or if the author's name is unknown, by the first word in the title other than a definite or an indefinite article ("a", "an", "the").

End each citation with a **period**.