



MLA Style Documentation

Who uses MLA style documentation?

Writers and researchers in the arts and humanities. Refer to the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers: Fifth Edition* for more information.

What is the recommended method to cite sources?

MLA recommends using in-text citations as opposed to footnotes or endnotes.

How are in-text citations done?

Following the cited information, include the author's surname and the page number in parentheses. Do **not** use commas or abbreviations for the word page (p./pp).

- "Thirty percent of children studied liked the colour red" (Cole 16).

How are endnotes done?

Endnotes are an alternative to in-text citations. They appear at the end of the paper, but before the Works Cited page.

How is the bibliography done?

In MLA style, this section is called "Works Cited." It appears at the end of the document. The Works Cited page is a list of all the sources used and appears in alphabetical order according to author's last name. Do **not** number your sources! All main words are capitalized (title style). If a source does not have an author, list it alphabetically by the title of the work or material.

Books:

Peterson, Dave, and Diana O'Halloran, Effective Teaching. Oakville: Sheridan Press, 2001.

Journal articles:

Bacchus, Ned. "Total Quality Management in the Workplace," Journal of Occupational Environments 192 (2001) : 20-29.

Magazine and Newspaper articles:

Chang, Sophie. "Wilderness Chic: Decorating A Winter Chalet." Wilderness Magazine October 2001: 12-18.

Interview

Jones, Michael. Personal/Telephone interview. 23 July 2002.

Electronic sources (websites):

Mathers, Gail. Foster Society Home Page. 16 Sept. 1999. 1 Oct. 2000 <<http://ocas.edu.peel>> .

Online Journal Articles

Elam, Diane. "Disciplining Women: Feminism or Women's Studies." Surfaces 5:101 (1995): 11 pp. 24 June 1998 <<http://tornado.ere.umontreal.ca:80?~guedon/Surfaces/vol15/elam.html>>.