Sample citations & Works Cited list (using MLA 8th edition)

Before selecting a referencing style, check with your tutor, lecturer or supervisor for the style preferred by the School or Department.

The MLA citation style uses parenthetical (in text) citations to identify an alphabetical list of references (Works Cited list) that appears at the end of the paper.

A sample Works Cited list is included below (pages 4-5).

Example citations by source type

**Book – no author**


**Book - one author**


**Book – two authors**


**Book – three or more authors**


**Edited book**


**Chapter in a book**


**eBook**


**eBook chapter**

Book - corporate author


Book – indirect source


Thesis or dissertation


Journal article – one author


Journal article – two authors


Journal article – three or more authors


Journal article – from an online database


Newspaper – no author


Newspaper – with author


Audio-visual – DVD/video


Electronic source – web page with author


Electronic source – web page with no author

Electronic source –comments on an online forum posting


Electronic source –blog post


Electronic source –tweet post

@persiankiwi. "We have report of large street battles in east & west of Tehran now - #iranelection." Twitter, 23 June 2009, 11:15 a.m., twitter.com/persiankiwi/status/2298106072.

Electronic source – digitized archive material


Physical archive material – complete work


Physical archive material – document in an archival collection


Physical archive material – letter


Works Cited – a sample reference list


@persiankiwi. "We have report of large street battles in east & west of Tehran now - #iranelection." Twitter, 23 June 2009, 11:15 a.m., twitter.com/persiankiwi/status/2298106072.


Sources

These examples are based on the MLA Handbook. 8th ed., Modern Language Association of America, 2016. Copies are available in the University of Melbourne Library (http://cat.lib.unimelb.edu.au/record=b6095238~S30).


These online resources provide more detailed advice on citing in the MLA style:

- Blog: "Behind the Style." MLA Style Center, style.mla.org/category/behind-the-style/.
- Email newsletter archive: The Source Archive, style.mla.org/the-source-archive/.