General Guidelines to MLA Citations

In-text Citations
The purpose of the in-text citation is to make it easy for a reader to find the original source in your Works Cited list. At the same time, you do not want to include so much information in the in-text citation that it makes the formatting awkward.

- In most cases, the in-text citation will indicate the author.
- If you are referring to something on a specific page or pages, include those numbers.
- For works without authors, use the title; if the title is long, use a shortened version of it.
- If you mention the author in the lead-up to your quote, do not include it in the parenthetical citation; only include the page numbers (if applicable).

Works Cited
- Alphabetize the list.
- Use a DOI in your citation if you can. Use a URL for the DOI, beginning with https://doi.org/.
- For electronic sources without a DOI, use a URL, but delete the http:// or https:// from the URL. URLs do not need to be hyperlinked to the source.
- All entries should end with a period.

Common Abbreviations
- Abbreviate longer month names with their 3-letter abbreviations.
- Put dates in the format of “day month year,” such as “11 Nov. 2009.”
- If an article occurs on consecutive pages, indicate the page range. If an article does not occur on consecutive pages, indicate the number of the first page followed by a plus sign. For example, if an article begins on page 1 and is continued on page 13, include “1+” as page information.
- For publisher information, use an abbreviated or shortened version; do not include Press, Books, Co., Inc., etc. For example, University of New Mexico Press should be U of New Mexico P.
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