

MLA Style Guide

MLA is an acronym for the Modern Language Association. MLA Style citations are used by writers to organize their work and cite references in a common structure. MLA Style is the preferred citation management style for English language and literature studies, foreign language studies, and cultural studies. The most recent version is the 9th edition (as of April 2021).

MLA Citations

1 in-text citation
+ 1 Works Cited citation
1 complete citation

The [in-text citation](#) is abbreviated and leads the reader to the full citation in the reference list.

The main character, Dawson, has a negative relationship with his mother that is motivated by “a deep-rooted desire for revenge” (McKenna 134).

The [Works Cited citation](#) provides all the information necessary for the reader to locate the original source.

McKenna, Robert. *The Ominous Sun*.
Penguin Random House, 1994.

In-Text Citations

- Include author(s) name and page number.
- These citations can be either narrative or parenthetical. Both are equally acceptable.

[Narrative Example:](#)

According to **McKenna**, the main character, Dawson, has a negative relationship with his mother that is motivated by “a deep-rooted desire for revenge” (134).

[Parenthetical Example:](#)

The main character, Dawson, has a negative relationship with his mother that is motivated by “a deep-rooted desire for revenge” (McKenna 134).

[Quotation in the Middle of a Sentence Example:](#)

The main character, Dawson, is motivated by a “deep-rooted desire for revenge” (McKenna 134) against his mother because of her betrayal.

- The in-text citation always follows the quotation marks when using quotations that occur in the middle of a sentence.

Works Cited Citations

- Provides all the information necessary for the reader to locate the original source including title, author(s), publisher, date, page number(s), volume, etc.
- Each type of source has a different formatting style. We recommend checking out <https://owl.purdue.edu> or <https://style.mla.org> for a detailed guide on all MLA formatting
- Pay attention to the minor details of each reference list citation such as the commas, periods, italics, and parenthesis. Each of these is important for a proper citation.

Print Book Example:

Banks, Iain M. *The Player of Games*. New York: Orbit Books, 2008.

Journal Article Example:

Tarka, Lotte. "Word upon a Word: Parallelism, Meaning, and Emergent Structure in Kalevala-meter Poetry." *Oral Tradition*, vol. 31, no. 2, 2017, pp. 259-292.

General Formatting

MLA papers should be written double-spaced, using 12-point font and with one-inch margins. Course, instructor, title, and date should be placed at the top-left corner of the first page.

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Multitasking: A Desired Skill for Students?
Whether taking notes on a laptop, communicating with partners via social media, or listening to a lecture on a podcast, there is no doubt that technology is playing an increasingly important role in education. Although research has shown that students benefit from multitasking by increasing the number of tasks done (Getmo, 209; Dunn, 91), the dangers of multitasking far outweigh the benefits. A recent study of Canadian undergraduate students found that 80 percent of those surveyed feel their time spent studying is negatively impacted by incoming messages on their smartphones (Dee & Stract, 408). An examination of recent statistics and case studies illustrates that student multitasking is having a negative

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