Citing in MLA Format

All examples shown and other examples for MLA citation, 7th edition, can be found at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/ and http://nwtc.libguides.com/citations

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask your teacher or the librarian.

Unless your teacher gives you other instructions, this is how the paper should be set up:

- Double-spaced on standard paper. Under the paragraph section in the Home tab in Word, click the bottom right corner. This opens up a box. You want line spacing to be Double. Before and After should be at 0 pt.
- 1 inch margins on all sides
- 12pt. Times New Roman Font
- In the header, add consecutive page numbers to the upper right hand corner.

In Text Citations

So the teacher knows which source belongs to which quote, you should always include an in-text citation after the quote.

Example: According to some, dreams express "profound aspects of personality", though others disagree (Foulkes 184).

Long Quotes

Quotations longer than 40 words need to be set apart from the rest of the text. The quote should be in a new paragraph and set 1 inch from the left margin, or tapping the Tab key on the keyboard twice. Double spacing still applies. When the quote is complete, put the in-text citation after it the way you would do for any other quote and start a new paragraph with the regular indent (1 use of the Tab button).

Works Cited Page

- This is a separate page at the end of your paper.
- Each citation in the text must be listed back here and likewise, each listing on this page must be quoted in the text.
- The title of the page should be centered and labeled Works Cited without bolding, underlining, or any other additions.
- All text is double-spaced, just like the rest of the paper.
- Each separate citation should be hanging. In the examples given, this is shown. To do this, go to the paragraph section under the home tab in Word. Click the arrow in the bottom right hand corner. This opens a box: under “special”, click on “hanging”. This creates the hanging format.

Examples:

Book:

Basic format:

Lastname, Firstname. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.
Example:


**Magazine/Journal**

**Basic Format**

Author(s). "Title of Article." Title of Periodical Day Month Year: pages. Medium of publication.

**Example**


**Website**

**Basic Format**

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). Name of Site. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

**Example**


**Motion Picture**

**Basic Format**

Title of motion picture [Motion picture]. Director, D. D. (Director). If relevant, list performers using perf. to distinguish them from director. Distributor. Date of release. Medium of publication.

**Example**


**Interview**

Personal interviews refer to those interviews that you conduct yourself. List the interview by the name of the interviewee. Include the descriptor Personal interview and the date of the interview.

**Basic Format**


**Example in text**

A. P. Smith also claimed that many of her students had difficulties with APA style (personal communication, November 3, 2002).