



MLA Citation

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Information required in the in-text citation:

“References in the text must clearly point to specific sources in the list of works cited” (238). Use the author’s last name or the first word of the title for an article listed by title only in the works cited list. Use the author’s name in the sentence rather than in parentheses, where possible. “Identify the location of the borrowed information as specifically as possible” (239). For print sources, this means the page number. Often including the chapter, act, or line is helpful.

Book:

Work Cited:

Berry, Allison. Goin’ to the Chapel: Getting Married on a Student’s Budget. New York: Oxford UP, 1999.

For two or three authors, list: Last name, first name, then the first name and last name of the subsequent authors. Example: Miller, Matt, Frances Crawford, and Joe Hill.

For more than three authors: Example: Hoover, Ryan, et al.

In-text Citation:

Berry discusses the cheapest way to have the best cake (20).

Or

The cheapest way to have the best cake is “to have a friend bake it” (Berry 20).

For two or three authors: “The possibilities are limitless” (Miller, Crawford, and Hill 182).

For more than three: “As a whole, Paradise Lost is a masterpiece” (Hoover et al. 90).

Work in an Anthology or Collection:

Works Cited:

Chekhov, Anton. “Gooseberries.” Trans. Constance Garnett. A Pocketful of Prose. Ed. David Madden. Fort Worth: Harcourt, 1992. 174-82.

In-text Citation:

“Education is essential, but the people are not ready for it” (Chekhov 179).

Online:

Works Cited:

Padgett, John B. William Faulkner on the Web. Jan. 2004 Dept. of English, U of Mississippi. 23 Jan 2004
<<http://www.mcsr.olemiss.edu/~egjbp/faulkner/faulkner.html> >.

In-text Citation:

Padgett claims that *The Sound and the Fury* is Faulkner’s “first true masterpiece.”

Journal Article:

Works Cited:

Harold, Brent. “The Value and Limitations of Faulkner's Fictional Method.” American Literature 47 (1975): 212-29.

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Faulkner’s development of multiple narrators is significant (Harold 220-22).

Article from a Library Subscription Service:*Works Cited:*

Kane, Harrison. "Straight Talk About IQ and the Death Penalty." Ethics and Behavior 13 (2003): 27-33. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO. Sam Houston State U, Newton Gresham Lib. 10 July 2003
<<http://ejournals.ebsco.com/Home.asp>>.

In-text Citation:

"Low IQ is a contributing factor to crime" (Kane 31).

Newspaper:*Works Cited:*

Proctor, Rochelle. "Philosophy of Science: Why Bother?" New York Times 3 Apr 2003, New England final ed.: D1+.

In-text Citation:

Proctor wonders whether philosophers can contribute to our understanding of science (D1).

Magazine:*Works Cited:*

Hidalgo, Courtney. "How to Win People Over with a Friendly Smile." Time 23 February 2000: 17-19.

In-text Citation:

According to an article in Time "Being friendly is always disarming" (Hidalgo 17).

Prose/Poetry/Drama:*Works Cited:*

Franco, Veronica. "To the Painter Jacopo Tintoretto." Poems and Selected Letters. ed. and trans. Ann Rosalind Jones and Margaret F. Rosenthal. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1998. 35-37.

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Bradstreet frames the poem with a sense of mortality: "All things within this fading world hath end" (1).

Note: for a play or drama show the number of act, scene, line, (*Ham.* 1.5.35-37).

Biblical References:*Works Cited:*

The New Jerusalem Bible. Henry Wansbrough, gen. ed. New York: Doubleday, 1985.

In-text Citation:

In one of the most vivid prophetic visions in the Bible, Ezekiel saw "what seemed to be four living creatures," each with the faces of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (*New Jerusalem Bible*, Ezek. 1.5-10). John of Patmos echoes this passage when describing his vision (Rev. 4.6-8).

Note: The version is only included in the first citation, unless using multiple versions.

Government Documents:*Works Cited:*

United States. Dept. of Labor. Child Care: A Workforce Issue. Washington: GPO, 1998.

In-text Citation:

In several states, changes in tax structures have encouraged the availability of child care. (United States, Dept. of Labor 212).

Or

A study prepared by the United States Department of Labor concludes that employers need to become more involved in the availability of child care (113-15.)