

Citing Sources

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Works-Cited List (MLA Style)

A works-cited list must contain accurate information sufficient to enable a reader to locate each source you cite. The basic components of an entry are as follows:

- *Name of the author, editor, translator, or group responsible for the work
- *Title of the work
- *Place and date of publication
- *Publisher

For print materials, the information required for a citation generally appears on the copyright and title pages of a work. For the format of works-cited list entries, consult the examples at right and in the chart R31.

Parenthetical Citations (MLA Style)

A parenthetical citation briefly identifies the source from which you have taken a specific quotation, factual claim, or opinion. It refers the reader to one of the entries on your works-cited list. A parenthetical citation has the following features:

- *It appears in parentheses.
- *It identifies the source by the last name of the author, editor, or translator.
- *It gives a page reference, identifying the page of the source on which the information cited can be found.

Punctuation A parenthetical citation generally falls outside a closing quotation mark but within the final punctuation of a clause or sentence. For a long quotation set off from the rest of your text, place the citation at the end of the excerpt without any punctuation following.

Special Cases

- *If the author is an organization, use the organization's name, in a shortened version if necessary.
- *If you cite more than one work by the same author, add the title or a shortened version of the title.

Sample Works-Cited Lists

Carwardine, Mark, Erick Hoyt, R. Ewan Fordyce, and Peter Gill. *The Nature Company Guides: Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises*. New York: Time-Life Books, 1998.

Whales in Danger. "Discovering Whales." 18 Oct. 1999. <<http://whales.magna.com.au/DISCOVER>>

Neruda, Pablo. "Ode to Spring." *Odes to Opposites*. Trans. Ken Krabbenhoft. Ed. and ill. Ferris Cook. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1995.

The Saga of the Volsungs. Trans. Jesse L. Byock. London: Penguin Books, 1990.

An anonymous work is listed by title.	Both the title of the work and of the collection in which it is found are listed.
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Sample Parenthetical Citations

It makes sense that baleen whales such as the blue whale, the bowhead whale, the hunchback whale, and the sei whale (to name just a few) grow to immense sizes (Carwardine, Hoyt, and Fordyce 19-21). The blue whale has grooves running from under its chin to partway along the length of its underbelly. As in some other whales, these grooves expand and allow even more food and water to be taken in (Ellis 18-21).

Author's last name	Page numbers where information can be found
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MLA Style for Listing Sources

- 1. Book with one author**

Pyles, Thomas. *The Origins and Development of the English Language*. 2nd ed. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 1971.
- 2. Book with two or three authors**

McCrum, Robert, William Cran, and Robert MacNeil. *The Story of English*. New York: Penguin Books, 1987.
- 3. Book with an editor**

Truth, Sojourner. *Narrative of Sojourner Truth*. Ed. Margaret Washington. New York: Vintage Books, 1993.
- 4. Book with more than three authors or editors**

Donald, Robert B., et al. *Writing Clear Essays*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1996.
- 5. Single work from an anthology**

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. "Young Goodman Brown." *Literature: An Introduction to Reading and Writing*. Ed. Edgar V. Roberts and Henry E. Jacobs. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1998. 376-385.
- 6. Introduction in a published edition**

Washington, Margaret. Introduction. *Narrative of Sojourner Truth*. By Sojourner Truth. Ed. Washington. New York: Vintage Books, 1993. v-xi.
- 7. Signed article in a weekly magazine**

Wallace, Charles. "A Vodacious Deal." *Time* 14 Feb. 2000: 63.
- 8. Signed article in a monthly magazine**

Gustaitis, Joseph. "The Sticky History of Chewing Gum." *American History* Oct. 1998: 30-38.
- 9. Unsigned editorial or story**

"Selective Silence." Editorial. *Wall Street Journal* 11 Feb. 2000: A14.
(If the editorial or story is signed, begin with the author's name.)
- 10. Signed pamphlet**

(Treat the pamphlet as though it were a book)
- 11. Pamphlet with no author, publisher or date**

Are You at Risk of a Heart Attack? n.p. n.d.
(n.p.n.d. indicates that there is no known publisher or date)
- 12. Filmstrips, slides programs, videos, DVD's & other audiovisual media**

The Diary of Anne Frank. Dir. George Stevens. Perf. Millie Perkins, Shelley Winters, Joseph Schildkratu, Lou Jacobi, and Richard Beymer. 1959. DVD. Twentieth Century Fox, 2004.
- 13. Radio or television program transcript**

"Washington's Crossing of the Delaware." Host Liane Hansen. Guest David Hackett Fischer. *Weekend Edition Sunday*. Natl. Public Radio. WNYC, New York City: 23 Dec. 2003. Transcript
- 14. Internet**

"Fun Facts About Gum." NACGM site. National Association of Chewing Gum Manufacturers. 19 Dec. 1999. <<http://www.nacgm.org/consumer/funfacts.html>. (Indicate date you accessed the information. Content and addresses at Web sites change frequently.)
- 15. Newspaper**

Thurow, Roger. "South Africans Who Fought for Sanctions Now Scrap for Investors." *Wall Street Journal* 11 Feb. 2000: A1+
(For a multipage article that does not appear on consecutive pages, write only the first page number of which it appears, followed by a plus sign.)
- 16. Personal Interview**

Smith, Jane. Personal interview. 10 Feb. 2000
- 17. CD (with multiple publishers)**

Simms, James, ed. *Romeo and Juliet*. By William Shakespeare. CD-ROM. Oxford: Attica Cybernetics Ltd.; London: BBC Education; London: Harper Collins Publisher, 1995.
- 18. Signed article from an encyclopedia**

Askeland, Donald R. "Welding." *World Book Encyclopedia*. 1991 ed.