

# Works Cited Page in the MLA Format

## How to read/write a citation.

### Book:

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date. Print.

### Example:

Kartiganer, Donald M. *The Fragile Thread: The Meaning of Form in Faulkner's Novels*. Amherst: U of Massachusetts P, 1979. Print.

### Article from a library database:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* VolNum.IssueNum (Publication Year): StartPage-EndPage. *Database Name*. Web. Date Accessed

### Example:

Shulman, Robert. "Community, Perception and the Development of Stephen Crane: From The Red Badge to "The Open Boat"." *American Literature* 50.3 (1978): 441-461. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 21 Oct. 2008.

### Website:

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Webpage*. Name of Sponsor, Date Last Updated. Web. Date Accessed.

### Example:

Bio. A&E Television Networks, 2009. Web. 10 Apr. 2009. < <http://www.biography.com/>>.

### Hint:

- You only need to put the URL if the webpage is likely to change over time

## What should a Works Cited page look like?

- At the end of the paper
- Citations are double-spaced (this handout is not double-spaced to save space)
- Titled "Works Cited", centered on the page
  - Alphabetical
- If there is no author, use the title (see Website example)
- Hanging indent

### More MLA citation help:

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers Call # REF LB 2369 .G53

MLA Style Manual Call # REF PN 147 .G444

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