

MLA Works Cited List

To enable your readers to access the sources you have used when conducting your research, all works from which you take ideas or language must be included in an alphabetical listing at the conclusion of your paper. In most cases you will include only the sources that you used a quote from, paraphrased or summarized will fall under the title **Works Cited**.

Information about each source is presented in a bibliographic entry that follows a basic set of principles that is used in the example below based on an entry for a short story published in a collection accessed through a web site:

1. For any source, you need to answer the following questions:
 - a. Who is the author of the source? (Arthur Conan Doyle)
 - b. What is the title of the source? (“The Adventure of the Red-Headed League”)
 - c. How was the source published? (The short story was published in the second edition of the collection *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*)
 - d. Where did you find this source? (I found this source online in the *Hathi Trust Digital Library*)
 - e. When was this source published? (The short story appeared in the printed collection in 1893, and *HathiTrust Digital Library* put it up as a digital file in 2016.)
2. Next, you organize this information with the following template:
 - a. Basic source information:
 - i. Author or creator: Arthur Conan Doyle
 - ii. Title of source: “The Adventure of the Red-Headed League”
 - b. Information about where and how this source was first published:
 - i. Title of the container: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
 - ii. Other contributors: (None)
 - iii. Version: 2nd edition
 - iv. Number: (None)
 - v. Publisher: George Newnes
 - vi. Publication date: 1893
 - vii. Location: pp. 29-56
 - c. Information about how that published version of the source was made accessible:
 - i. Title of container: *Hathi Trust Digital Library*
 - ii. Other contributors: (None)
 - iii. Version: (None)
 - iv. Number: (None)
 - v. Publisher: (None)
 - vi. Publication date: 2016
 - vii. Location: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=ien.35556034075739;view=1up;seq=11>

Here are some examples for an MLA Works Cited list:

Type of Citation	Example
Book by one author	Sword, Helen. <i>Stylish Academic Writing</i> . Harvard UP, 2012.
Book by more than one author	May, Steven W. and Arthur F. Marotti. <i>Ink, Stink Bait, Revenge, and Queen Elizabeth: A Yorkshire Yeomen's Household Books</i> . Cornell UP, 2014.
Book with an editor	Wolfe, Heather, editor. <i>The Literary Career and Legacy of Elizabeth Cary, 1613-1680</i> . Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
Article from a print journal	Kiser, Lisa J. "The Animals in Chester's <i>Noah's Flood</i> ." <i>Early Theatre</i> , vol. 14, no. 1, 2011, pp. 15-44.
Article from an online journal	Eastwood, Adrienne L. "In the Shadow of the Queen: The Early English Epithalamium and the Female Monarch." <i>Early Modern Literacy Studies</i> , vol. 16, no. 3, 2013, https://extra.shu.ac.uk/emls/journal/index.php/emls/article/view/69
Website	Raymond Siemens, et al., editors. <i>A Social Edition of the Devonshire Manuscript</i> . (BL Add 17, 492). 2 Feb 2015. https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/The_Devonshire_Manuscript .
Film or Video	<i>Bright Star</i> . Directed by Jane Campion, performance by Ben Wishaw, Pathé Renn Productions, 2009.

When you prepare a Works Cited list, employ these general rules:

- List each work alphabetically based on whatever appears first in its entry (usually the author's last name)
- Use a 1.25 cm hanging indentation for entries that take up more than one line
- Put titles of containers or stand-alone texts in italics – for example, novels, full-length plays, journals, anthologies
- Capitalize all major words in titles
- Most importantly, decide what information needs to be included by thinking about your readers – what details will they need to locate the source you've referenced

Please see the 8th edition of the MLA handbook (published in 2016) for additional examples and guidance.

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Some deletions have occurred to suit the needs of students at Huron Heights Secondary School.