Sample Works Cited and Parenthetical Citation Entries in MLA Style (Eighth Edition)

There are two necessary elements to give proper credit to sources used in research:

1. Anytime you use borrowed information in the body of your paper—direct quotes or paraphrased (summarized) material—follow with a **parenthetical citation** at the end of the sentence.
2. There must be a works cited entry for all sources at the end of the essay on a separate **Works Cited page**. These entries should be double-spaced and listed alphabetically.
3. On the Works Cited page, abbreviate the months except for May, June, and July.

The format for these citations can vary, depending on the type of source. Below are sample works cited entries with parenthetical citations for various types of sources.

**Additional citation resources:**
Purdue Online Writing Center: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/)
NCSU Citation Builder: [https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/citationbuilder/](https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/citationbuilder/)

**PART I: Printed Sources**

**An Article from an Anthology**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Dunbar 458).

**Article in The Bedford Guide for College Writers (11th ed.)**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Sternbergh 529).
An entry from *Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance*

Parenthetical Citation: (Ferguson 512).

An Article from a Journal

*Television and Families*, vol. 13, no. 3, 2015, pp. 4-8.

Parenthetical Citation: (Mattlin 4).

An Article from an Unknown Author in Newspaper

Parenthetical Citation: ("Billy" A8).

A Signed Article in a Daily Newspaper

Parenthetical Citation: (Wade A26).

An Article from a Weekly Magazine Publication

Parenthetical Citation: (Blackman 70).

A Book by One Author

Parenthetical Citation: (Foster 44).

A Book by More Than One Author

Parenthetical Citation: (Battier and Carrawell 33).

A Book Arranged by an Editor

Parenthetical Citation: (Allen 33).
A Book Arranged by Two Editors

Parenthetical Citation: (Scholes and Kellogg 55-57).

A Book arranged by More Than Two Authors or Editors


Parenthetical Citation: (Boardman et al. 33).

A Book Entry With No Author or Editor

Parenthetical Citation: (Oxford 33).

A Brochure from a Corporate Author
Randolph Community College. The FAQs about College Transfer. RCC, 2015.

Parenthetical Citation: (RCC 2).

***NOTE: City of publication only recommended for pre-1900 works, in which the city may be substituted for the name of publisher.

***NOTE: Business words (Company, Corporation, Incorporated, and Limited) and their abbreviations (Co., Corp., Inc., and Ltd.) are omitted from citation. Publisher names are to be cited free of abbreviations, with the exceptions of the following for academic presses: U for University, P for Press, and UP for University Press.

PART II: Electronic Sources

***NOTE: Date of access can be omitted. Use instructor’s preference.

***NOTE: Pagination with electronic sources is only included with text in PDF format.

A Book from an Online Scholarly Source

Parenthetical Citation: (Flannagan).
An Electronic Source from a General Web Site

Parenthetical Citation: (Pisetsky).

Breakdown of the Sample Electronic Source from a General Web Site Citation

Pisetsky, David……………………………………...author’s name
“New Treatments for Rheumatoid Arthritis”…….…title of the article/name of Web page
OnHealth…………………………………………...title of database/site
10 Dec. 2015………………………………………...date posted or written
onhealth.webmd.com…………………………...URL
Accessed 3 Jan. 2016……………………………………...date retrieved (optional)

***NOTE: For optional components, ask for instructor’s preference.

An Unsigned Electronic source from a General Web Site (no author, no date, no page)
"Fun in the Woods." Clongowes Wood College, clongowes.com/funinthewoods/.

Parenthetical Citation: ("Fun").

An Electronic Source from a Reference Database
Muggeridge, Malcolm. The Most of Malcolm Muggeridge. Simpson's

Contemporary Quotations, 1988, bartleby.com/muggeridge_m_themost.

Parenthetical Citation: (Muggeridge).

A Journal Article from Literature Resource Center via Artemis
Schissel, Wendy. "Re(dis)covering the Witches in Arthur Miller's The Crucible: A Feminist

Reading." Modern Drama, vol. 37, no. 3, Fall 1994, pp. 461-473. Reprinted in Drama

Criticism, vol. 31, Gale, 2008. Literature Resource Center,

randolph.idm.oclc.org/login?url=http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CH1
A Journal Article from NC LIVE with Volume, Issue, and Page Numbers
doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1041610212000658.

Parenthetical Citation: (McParland et al. 1603).

A Journal Article from NC LIVE with Volume and Issue Numbers but No Page Number

Parenthetical Citation: (Hass).

An Article from Opposing Viewpoints in Context
Parenthetical Citation: (Cuomo).

An Article from Occupational Outlook Handbook

Parenthetical Citation: ("Photographers").

An E-Book from Academic eBook Collection

Parenthetical Citation: (Goldschmidt 37).

Blog Post

Parenthetical Citation: (Rosen).

YouTube Video/Audiovisual Material

Parenthetical Citation: (“North”).

Online Photo (General)

Parenthetical Citation: (Rutherford).
**Instagram Photo with Caption**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Taylor).

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**Tweet from Individual Author**
@RSS_jr. “So proud of our students’ successes!!” *Twitter*, 29 Apr. 2018, 7:30 p.m.,

**Parenthetical Citation:** (@RSS_jr.).

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**Tweet from Group Author**
@RandolphCC. “Last week to sign-up for our first week of summer camp (6/25-6/29)!”
*Twitter*, 19 June 2018, 5:58 a.m., twitter.com/RandolphCC/status/100905790911485132.

**Parenthetical Citation:** (@RandolphCC).

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**Facebook Status from Individual Author**
Jordan, Aria. “This reunion was long overdue. Much love to my UNCG crew.” *Facebook*,

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Jordan).

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**Facebook Status from Group Author**
Phi Kappa Delta. “Fundraiser was a hit! Thanks to all who showed their support.” *Facebook*,

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Phi Kappa Delta).

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**Article in Online Magazine**
Washburn, Charlie. “The Perks of a Mid-Life Crisis.” *Plot Twist*, 14 Apr. 2015,

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Washburn).
**Article in Online Newspaper**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Ramirez).

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**PART III: Miscellaneous**

**Two Sources from the Same Author**


**Parenthetical Citations:** (Olsen, *Silences* 33) and (Olsen, *Tell* 33).

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**The Bible**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (*The Holy Bible*, Ezek. 1.5-10).

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**A Single Episode from a Television Series**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (“The One”).

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**A Sound Recording**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (Jobe).

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**A DVD**

**Parenthetical Citation:** (*Field*).

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**A Speech**
Parenthetical Citation: (Atwood).

A Podcast

hopkinsmedicine.org/mediall/Podcasts/coloncascreen.mp3

Parenthetical Citation: (Giardiello).

An Interview Completed in Person

Parenthetical Citation: (Ackroyd).

An Interview Completed Over the Phone
Olson, Nellie. Telephone interview. 18 Sept. 1999.

Parenthetical Citation: (Olson).

An Interview Completed via E-Mail
Shackleford, Robert. “Re: Welcome to RCC!” Received by Grant Hill, 18 June 2018.

NOTE: Include the author of the message, followed by the subject line in quotation marks. State to whom the message was sent with “Received by” and the recipient’s name. Provide the date the message was sent.

Parenthetical Citation: (Shackleford).

PowerPoint (General)

heartofamerica.com/presentation/128493489384981.

Parenthetical Citation: (Andrews 2).

PowerPoint From a Class Lecture

blackboard.eu.edu.

Parenthetical Citation: (Albright 5).

PowerPoint From a Conference Lecture
Hernandez, Alex. “The Role of Imagery.” Poetry Convention. Proximity Hotel, Greensboro,
Parenthetical Citation: (Hernandez 12).

***NOTE: Numbers in parenthetical citations for PowerPoints correspond to slides.

**Direct Quotations 4 lines or more (i.e., Block Quote)**
When a quote is more than four lines, it is treated differently from smaller quotes and is called a “block” quote. Block quotes are handled as follows:

1. Insert a colon at the end of the last sentence that is not a quote.
2. Set the quote off from the text by beginning a new line.
3. Indent each line of the block quote half an inch (one tab) from the left margin.
5. Without quotation marks.
6. Parenthetical citation comes after the last sentence’s period, in parentheses.

**Sample Block Quote**
At the conclusion of Lord of the Flies, Ralph and the other boys realize the horror of their actions:

The tears began to flow and sobs shook him. He gave himself up to them now for the first time on the island; great, shuddering spasms of grief that seemed to wrench his whole body. His voice rose under the black smoke before the burning wreckage of the island; and infected by that emotion, the other little boys began to shake and sob too. (Golding 186)
U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence

According to the updated *MLA Handbook*, Works Cited entries could be included for familiar historical documents such as the U.S. Constitution or the Declaration of Independence. There are, however, no examples provided for these. The following is suggested:

1. When citing a Web page with information *about* the Declaration of Independence or Constitution (even if it also has the document on it), you should use the Web page citation type.

2. When citing the Declaration of Independence or Constitution itself, do not cite it in the Works Cited list. Both are considered well-known documents that are only cited in a parenthetical reference.

3. In your text, do not underline or use quotation marks for the words Declaration of Independence or Constitution of the United States. Use a parenthetical reference as in the following examples:

   . . . in the Declaration of Independence (US 1776).

   . . . In the Constitution of the United States, Article II refers to the "...." (sec.1, cl.3).

   . . . in the U.S. Constitution (art. 2, sec. 1, cl.3.).
Title of Essay

Essay begins here…. 
Setting up page numbering for MLA:
1. Set font as Times New Roman and size 12.
2. Click on Insert.
3. Click on Page Number.
4. Click on Top of Page.
5. Click on Plain Number 3 box.
6. Type in your last name and space one time.
7. Close Header/Footer box.
Works Cited


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