INTRODUCTION TO MLA

How to cite your sources in MLA Style

MLA stands for the Modern Language Association, which is an organization that focuses on language and literature.

Depending on which subject area your class or research focuses on, your professor may ask you to cite your sources in MLA style. This is a specific way to cite, following the Modern Language Association's guidelines. There are other styles, such as APA format and Chicago citation style, but MLA format is often used for literature, language, liberal arts, and other humanities subjects. This guide extensively covers this format but is not associated with the organization.

Bibliography vs. Works Cited
A bibliography is a list of sources that you have *consulted* in preparing your essay or work. For example, you read a webpage and paraphrased what you read. A works cited list is a list of sources that were *included* in your writing. For example, you read a webpage and you decided to include a citation (word for word).

How to cite a quote in your writing

"information being quoted" (author/organization).

"Emily Murphy died suddenly in her sleep in 1933 at the age of 65" (Famou5 Foundation).

Ellipses

"Emily Murphy died … in 1933 at the age of 65" (Famou5 Foundation).

How to Cite a Webpage in MLA Format

This means that you only used on webpage on the website. This is very similar to the website reference with the addition of page title within quotation marks before site title:

Last name, first name. "Page Title". Site Title. Sponsoring institution/publisher. Publication date day month abbreviation. year, URL. Date Accessed.

Web Page Example

Famou5 Foundation. "Resources". *Famou5*. 2016. http://www.famou5.ca/resources. Date Accessed: 4 Dec. 2019.

Cavanaugh, Catherine. "Famous Five." The Canadian Encyclopedia. 1 June 2006. https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/famous-5. Date Accessed : 4 Dec. 2019.

"They have come to represent an entire generation's political activism, including an earlier, nationwide campaign for women's suffrage." (Cavanaugh)

How to Cite an Entire Website in MLA Format

This means that you used the entire website and not just a specific page. The basic format to cite an entire website in MLA format is:

For 2-3 authors, list them with only the first author name inverted and the others in the correct order, separated by commas and 'and'.
For more than three authors, state the first author only followed by et al.
If the site is controlled by an organisation, use the organisation name.

This is only stated if needed.

Last name, first name. *Site Title*. Sponsoring institution/publisher. Publication date day month abbreviation. year, URL.

Month abbreviation includes Jan., Feb. etc.

<u>Entire Website</u> Example –

Famou5 Foundation. Famou5. 2016. http://www.famou5.ca/. Date Accessed : 4 Dec. 2019.