## Works Cited Rubric (MLA 8)

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### MLA FORMAT - the technical details

**THE WORKS CITED PAGE**

- Works Cited list is on a separate page
- Title, “Works Cited,” is centered at the top
- Font is consistent throughout
- Double spacing throughout the document
- After the first line of each citation, all additional lines are indented 5 spaces (“hanging indent”)

**THE CITATIONS ON THE WORKS CITED PAGE**

- Citations are in alphabetical order by the first main word (Ex: not A or The)
- Each citation includes all required core elements
- Elements within each citation are in the required order: Author, Title of source, *Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, **Location.
- All dates are properly formatted
- Italics and quotation marks are used properly for titles
- Proper capitalization and punctuation is used in each citation

**In-Text (also called Parenthetical) Citations - credit the ideas and information used to support the paper/project**

- All parentheticals in the paper have a corresponding listing on the Works Cited page
- At least 1 in-text citation for each source in the Works Cited

**FORMAT WITHIN THE IN-TEXT CITATION IS CORRECT**

- No extra punctuation within the in-text citations
- Titles are in quotes or italics as appropriate
- Page number listed for print sources
- In-text citations come before punctuation at the end of the sentence (except for block quotes).
- Source in in-text citation is identified by first element in works cited list

Few in-text citations are properly formatted | Some in-text citations are properly formatted | Most in-text citations are properly formatted | All in-text citations are properly formatted

*Container: For a source that is part of a larger whole, the larger whole is the container that holds the source. For example, a whole book is the container for a chapter, and a website is the container for a web page.

**Location: For books, list a page range. For web sites, list the URL if it is likely to change. Permanent URLs do not need to be listed.*