

MLA 8 Citation Guide:

To create an in-text (parenthetical) citation:

Use in-text citations to reference all information borrowed from another source. A proper in-text citation should include enough information for the reader to identify the source listed in the Works Cited page.

Correct in-text citations will follow these guidelines:

Situation:	Sample:
If the author's name is included in the text, the citation should include the page number only.	As Smith states, ninety percent of students carry their cell phones in school (7).
If the author's name is not included in the text, the citation should include the author's last name and page number.	Studies show that ninety percent of students carry their cell phones in school (Smith 7).
If the author referenced appears more than once on the works cited page, in addition to the author's name include the shortened form of the title.	Studies show that ninety percent of students carry their cell phones in school (Smith, <i>This</i> 7).
If no author's name is provided, use the shortened form of the source title.	Studies show that ninety percent of students carry their cell phones in school ("Article" 7).
If it is a direct quote that is longer than four lines of text, indent one inch from the left margin.	Abraham Lincoln's address of the Union troops at Gettysburg begins: Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. (Basler) His message continues with...

MLA Handbook. 8th ed. The Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

To create an MLA Works Cited page:

- List all sources used in alphabetical order on a separate page titled Works Cited
- Works Cited page is formatted with 1 inch margins
- Hanging indentation is used for all citations
- Punctuation follows the style of the sample entries illustrated below
- Sources cited are evaluated to be the best available and meet the criteria outlined in the assignment

Works Cited

Title is centered, 12 pt. font, not bolded, underlined, or in italics. Double space all lines.

Beaulieu, Elizabeth. "Harlem Renaissance (Overview)." *American History*, ABC-CLIO, 2016,
Americanhistory.abc-clio.com. (Example - database article)

Carmon, Irin, and Shana Knizhnik. *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*.
William Morrow, 2015. (Example - book)

"Childhood Obesity Causes and Consequences." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, 19
June 2015, www.cdc.gov/obesity/childhood/causes.html. (Example - article on website with
corporate author)

Granlund, Dave. "For My Recent Negative Remarks About Trump, I'm Sorry." 14 July 2016,
Dave Granlund Editorial Cartoons and Illustrations,
www.davegranlund.com/cartoons/2016/07/14/justice-ginsburg-vs-trump. (Example -
political cartoon)

Maxwell, Lynne. "Notorious RBG: The Life And Times Of Ruth Bader Ginsburg." *Library
Journal*, vol. 140, no. 19, 15 Nov. 2015, pp. 92-96. *Literary Reference Center*,
search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=lfh&AN=110786738&site=lrc-live.
(Example - journal article from an online database)

Winkler, Matthew. "What Makes a Hero?" *YouTube*, animated by Kirill Yeretsky, Ted-Ed, 4
Dec. 2012, www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hhk4N9A0oCA. (Example - online video)