South County High School Library’s MLA 8th Edition Citation Guide

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Setting up your paper:
- MLA recommends 12 point font, Times New Roman
- 1-inch margins
- Double-spaced
- Do not make a separate title page unless instructed to do so by your instructor.

First Page Criteria:
In the upper left corner of the first page, include the following in double-spaced lines:
- Your name
- Your instructor’s name
- The course
- The date

Underneath this information, double-space again and center your title. Double-space the next line and begin your paper.

Add a header in the top right corner a half an inch from the top and flush with the right margin including your name followed by the page number in consecutive order.

First Page Example:

| ________________ | ________________ |
| ________________ | ________________ |
| Emily Strong |
| Dr. Smith |
| EDIT 730 |
| 3 December 2018 |
| Communities of Practice for Secondary Teachers |
| Communities of practice can be effective collaborative places for secondary teachers |

Works Cited:
- The sources that you use should be included starting on a new page at the end of the work. It should be labeled Works Cited in Times New Roman 12pt font, centered, at the top of the page.
- Do not include the http:// when citing online sources, but rather start the URL with the text of the link.
- Titles of article should be capitalized and in quotation marks.
- Titles of book and journals should be italicized.
- If the source has more than one author include up to seven author names. After the first six authors, include ellipses (...) followed by the name of the last author listed.
- When citing journal articles, many journal articles will have a DOI (digital object identifier) number. Use this number in the citation instead of the URL when it is given.
- Alphabetize the citations by author in the works cited list. If you have more than one article by the same author, list them in chronological order.

Print Sources

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Book – Reference
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Article Title.” *Title of Book*, edited by Editor’s Name(s), vol. #, Publisher, Date of Publication, p. #.

Example:

Work in an Anthology
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Work.” *Title of Book*, edited by Editor’s Name(s), Publisher, Date of Publication, p. #.

Example:

Reprinted Work in an Anthology
Author’s last name, Author’s first name. “Title of Work.” *Title of Book*, edited by Editor’s Name(s), Publisher, Date of Publication, pp #. Originally published in *Name of the Original Source*, Original Publisher, Original Date of Publication, Original p. #.

Example:
Print Magazine
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Magazine*, Day
Month Year, p. #.

Example:

Print Newspaper
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Newspaper*, Day
Month Year, p. section page number.

Note: When the article goes beyond the first page, and the page numbers are not consecutive use a + after the page number.

Example:

Database Sources
Database Reference Article Reprinted from Print Source

Author’s Last name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Reference Source*,
edited by Editor’s Name, edition #, vol #, City of Publication, Publisher, Year of Publication,
p. #, Database, URL, Accessed Day Month Year.

Example:
Larkin, David. “2000s: The Way We Lived.” *Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell-Bottoms: Pop Culture of
the 20th and 21st Century America*, edited by Cynthia Johnson and Lawrence Baker, 2nd ed.,
**Database Reference Article Originally Published in a Database**

Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Article.” *Database,* Publisher, Year of Publication. URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

Note: If there is no author, start with the article title.

*Example:*


**Database Magazine**

Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Magazine,* Date Day Month Year, p. #. *Database Name,* URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

Note: If there are no page numbers, skip them in the citation.

*Example:*


Database Newspaper

Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Newspaper*,

Date Day Month Year, sec. #, p. #. *Database Name*, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

Note: If there are no page numbers, skip them in the citation.

Example:


Database Journal Article

Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Journal*,

vol. no #, Date Day Month Year, pages. *Database Name*, URL or DOI, if given. Accessed Day Month Year.

Example with URL:


Example with DOI:
## Internet Sources

### Online Electronic Books
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Date of Publication. *Name of Web Site*, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

**Example:**


### Downloadable Electronic Books
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, Year of Publication. File Type. URL, if given.

**Example:**

### Online Journal/Magazine
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Article Title.” *Title of Magazine/Journal*, vol. #, no. #, Date of Publication, p. #, URL or DOI if given. Accessed Day Month Year.

**Example:**
**Online Newspaper**
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Article Title.” *Title of Newspaper*, Date of Publication, p. #, URL or DOI if given. Accessed Day Month Year.

*Example:*

**Web Site**
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Title of the web page.” *Title of the Web Site*, Date Day Month Year, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

Note: If there is no author or group listed as the author, begin the citation with the title of the web page.

*Example:*

**YouTube Video**
Video Creator. “Title of the Video.” *YouTube*, uploaded by Username, Date Day Month Year, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

Note: If the video creator and uploader are the same, only include the name once as the uploader.

*Example:*
“Google News Advanced Searching.” *YouTube*, uploaded by Emily Strong, 23 Feb. 2016,  
Tweet
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name (twitter username). “The text of the tweet.” Twitter, Date Day Month Year, Time, URL uploaded by Username, Date Day Month Year, URL.

Note: If the name of the poster is not listed, begin the citation with the username of the poster.

Example:
South County HS (socohs). “Today is the Last Day of School! Dismissal is at 11:00am. Have a safe and wonderful summer Stallions!” Twitter, 23 June 2016. 5:59a.m, www.twitter.com/socohs/status/745964538625990656.

Images
Painting/Photograph Owned by a Museum
Artist’s Last Name, First Name. Title of Work. Date Painted. Place Displayed. Name of Website, URL. Accessed day Month Year.

Note: If the name of the poster is not listed, begin the citation with the username of the poster.

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Artist’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Work.” Date of Creation. *Name of Website*, URL.

Accessed day Month Year.

Note: If the image does not already have a title, you create a title that is a brief description of the image.

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*Example:*
Works Cited


**In-text (parenthetical) Citations**

**Summary or paraphrase**
If you are summarizing or paraphrasing an author, you should include the author’s last name and page number. The parenthetical citation should be inside the period at the end of the sentence.

*Example 1: When the author is not mentioned in the text.*

A mixed methods approach will be used for this research study and is defined as a rigorous collection of both quantitative and qualitative data and integration of the data sets (Creswell & Creswell 215).

*Example 2: When the author is mentioned in the text.*

Er and Er assert that there are both benefits and challenges to integrating instructional technology in a constructivist learning environment (1444-1445).

**Short Quotation**
If you are directly quoting a source in a quote that is less than 40 words long, you need to include the author by either introducing them within the sentence, or in the parentheses at the end of the quote with page number. The parenthetical citation should be inside the period at the end of the sentence.

*Example 1: When the author is not mentioned in the text.*

The survey data will be interpreted using, “extensive description, statistical significance testing, confidence intervals, and effect sizes” (Creswell & Creswell 158).

*Example 2: When the author is mentioned in the text.*

Collins and Liang additionally conclude that, “Studies indicate that numerous factors affect quality of OTPD programs, including the providers, instructional design, program participants, and the environment in which it occurs” (30).
Long Quotation
If you are directly quoting a source that is 4 lines of text or longer you will need to have a separate box with the quote double-spaced. The quotation should be indented a half inch from the rest of the document’s text and should not have quotation marks around it. The parenthetical citation should be outside the period at the end of the sentence.

Example:
Jane Austen authored one of the most famous passages in literary history with the opening lines to

*Pride and Prejudice*:

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife. However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families, that he is considered as the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters. (1)