

MLA Style

This handout provides some basic examples of MLA style. For more examples and complete information, use the following sources from the Modern Language Association:

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For other forms, for example citations of works discussed in a secondary source, papers presented at meetings/conferences, technical reports, translated works, volumes in a series, in-text notations, and others, see either the ***MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*** or ***MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing***.

ADDENDUM

Parenthetical References

Standard Parenthetical References—References in the text must clearly point to specific sources in the list of works cited. Identify the location of the borrowed information as specifically as possible.

A standard parenthetical reference provides the author's name followed by the specific page numbers where the cited material can be found. It will be enclosed in parentheses and appear at the end of a sentence before the ending punctuation.

Example: (Patterson 183-85).

If the author's name is stated in the text, only the page number will be given.

Example: (183-85).

If no page number is available, only the author's name will appear.

Example: (Patterson).

Using Notes with Parenthetical References—References will be enumerated by the placement of a superscripted number at the end of a sentence. The superscripted number will correspond to a note with the same number. The note will identify the location of the borrowed information as specifically as possible.

Two kinds of notes may be used with parenthetical references, content notes and bibliographic notes.

- Content notes offer the reader comment, explanation, or information that the text cannot accommodate.

Example:

Many observers conclude that health care in the United States is inadequate.¹

- Bibliographic notes contain either several sources or evaluative comments on sources.

Example:

¹ For strong points of view on different aspects of this issue, see Public Agenda Foundation 1-10 and Sakala 151-88.