A Quick-Guide for Citation: MLA (7th ed.)

This quick-guide provides selected examples of frequently used citation formats. For additional examples, consult the complete style manual, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th edition*, on reserve at the Drinko circulation desk.

**Parenthetical documentation**
MLA style uses parenthetical documentation to cite quotations or paraphrases from a cited work. For example,

> The poem is often interpreted as “a profound testament to the loss of her longtime companion” (Workman 134-36).

Workman argues that the poem is primarily a statement of loss (134-36).

Each parenthetical reference corresponds to an entry in the *Works Cited* page at the end of the paper where a reader can locate full bibliographic information. For detailed discussion of parenthetical documentation see sections 6.1-6.5 in the *MLA Handbook*.

**Works cited** references are double-spaced with a hanging indent and are arranged alphabetically by the first content word.

1. **Book with One Author:**

2. **Book with more than one author:**

3. **Essay or Chapter from a Book:**
4. **Newspaper Article:**

5. **Magazine Article:**

6. **Scholarly Journal Article (with continuous pagination):**

7. **Online Article (from a library database):** Cite the original source; then add database information.

8. **Article from a Web Site**

* Note: If the copyright or publication date are not present, use n.d. for no date.
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9. **Film or Video Recording:**

10. **Book Review:**