A Quick-Guide for Citation: MLA (8th ed.)

This quick-guide provides selected examples of frequently used citation formats. For additional examples, consult the complete style manual, *MLA Handbook, 8th edition*, on reserve at the Drinko circulation desk, the MLA Style Center ([https://style.mla.org/](https://style.mla.org/)), or the MLA section of the Purdue Online Writing Lab ([https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/1/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/1/)).

**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 134-35).

Workman argues that the poem is primarily a statement of loss (134-35).

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 Part 2, chapter 3 in the *MLA Handbook*.

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