A QUICK-GUIDE FOR CITATION: MLA

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**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 author’s last name.

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