**Style Guide for Creating Works Cited Lists**

**Works Cited General Guidelines:**

- References are cited on separate pages at the end of a manuscript, under the title, Works Cited (with no quotation marks, underlining or italicizing), centered at the top of the first page. The Works Cited list should be alphabetized by authors’ last names. References are double-spaced within and between entries.
- Generally, italicize titles of books and journals, but note: some instructors prefer underlining instead of italics.

**Print Resources**

- **book by a single author**
  
  
  Note: “Print” indicates the medium of publications consulted

- **book by two or more authors**
  
  
  Note: Give the names in the same order as on the title page, not necessarily in alphabetical order. For more than three authors, you may name the first author and add "et al." or give all names in full.

- **work in an anthology**
  
  
  Note: This example also shows how to indicate the translator of a work.

- **article in a scholarly journal**
  

- **article in a monthly magazine**
  

- **article in a newspaper**
  

- **article in a reference work**
  

- **anonymous article or book**
  
  
  
  Note: When a work is anonymous, alphabetize the entry by title (ignoring any initial A, An, or The).

While URLs are no longer required when citing web publications, you should include a URL as supplementary information when the reader most likely cannot find the source without it, or when an instructor requires it.

This guide shows the most frequently used citation types. For other citation or style questions in MLA format, copies of the complete manuals are located at these libraries: Suzzallo, Odegaard Undergraduate, Engineering, Drama, UW Bothell, UW Tacoma and Urban Horticulture. For additional information on MLA style, contact a UW librarian at [www.lib.washington.edu/about/contacts.html](http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/contacts.html).

### Electronic Resources

**website**


*Note: No URL is required here, although it is necessary to indicate the electronic medium ("Web.")

### Works Cited List

**journal article from library database**


**journal article from web, with print publication data**


*Note: "n.pag." indicates that page numbers are inapplicable or unavailable.*

**e-book**


**scholarly project**


**poem**


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**Citing a Web Source with No Page Numbers**

If you have the option of viewing a PDF version of an article or book chapter, do it—these have the same pagination as the print version and you can cite it exactly like an article in print format.

Web documents generally do not have fixed page numbers or any kind of section numbering. If your source lacks numbering, you cannot cite page numbers or use numbers associated with your printout.

If your source includes fixed page numbers or section numbering (such as numbering of paragraphs), cite the relevant numbers. For example—paragraph numbers: Moulthrop, pars. 19-20. (Pars. is the abbreviation for paragraphs. Common abbreviations are listed in the MLA Handbook.)