MLA Style: A Simplified Guide

MLA style is a common way to handle the formatting for school papers. This guide will help you format the list of resources that you used for your project, sometimes called your Works Cited.

In a Works Cited list, the entries are written in alphabetical order, using the authors’ last names. If you can’t find an author for a source, you can alphabetize using its title instead.

Books
Author’s Name. *Book Title*. City of Publication: Name of Publisher, Year of Publication.

Example:

Article from a Database
Author’s Name (if you can find one). “Article Title.” *Title of Publication*, Name of Publisher, Date of Publication. *Name of Database* (unless the same as the Title of Publication), URL. Your Date of Access.

Examples:


Websites
Author’s Name (if you can find one). “Page Title.” *Name of Website*, Name of Publisher (person or group that created the website), Date of Publication or Copyright, URL. Your Date of Access.

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