Books That Can Help You with MLA Format

Use James Lester’s *Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide*. 13th ed. 2010. LB2369.L4 (many of the examples used in this presentation are from Lester’s book). This is a great place to get help with in-text documentation and paraphrasing.


Web Sites That Can Help You With MLA Format

MLA’s Web page helps with citing the Web.
http://www.mla.org

The Purdue Online Writing Lab has great examples and helps with paraphrasing.
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/05

Duke University Web site has examples of citation formats for a variety of different sources shown in APA, Chicago, MLA, Turabian, and CSE.
http://www.lib.duke.edu/libguide/cite/works_cited.htm

Format for the Works Cited Page

Use 1” margins at top, bottom, left and right.

Put your last name and the page number on each page, 1/2” from the right side of your paper.

Then double space throughout the Works Cited. Do not single space any line.

Begin each entry at the left margin.

Indent the second and all subsequent lines in a citation 1/2 inch (5 spaces if using a typewriter). This is called a hanging indentation.

Alphabetize citations by author’s last name or if the author’s name is unknown, by the first word in the title other than a definite or an indefinite article (“a”, “an”, “the”).

End each citation with a period.