Preparing the Works Cited

How to write a works cited

Keep track of where you got the sources from

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Try looking in these places:

- the title page of a book, encyclopedia or dictionary
- the heading of an article
- the front, second, or editorial page of the newspaper
- the contents page of a journal or magazine
- the header (at the top) or footer (at the bottom) of a Web site
- the *About* or the *Contact* page of a Web site

Writing the works cited

- Write down, photocopy, or print the following information for each source you find:
 - author's name
 - title of the publication (and the title of the article if it's a magazine or encyclopedia)
 - date of publication
 - the place of publication of a book
 - the publishing company of a book
 - the volume number of a magazine or printed encyclopedia
 - the page number(s)

Writing a Bibliography

- Collect this information for each Web Site:
 - author and editor names (if available)
 - title of the page (if available)
 - the company or organization who posted the webpage
 - the Web address for the page (called a URL)
 - the last date you looked at the page

Rules for writing a bibliography

- Remember the basics
- Names of the authors
- Dates
- Page numbers
- Titles
- Place of publication
- Publisher names

Common systems of documentation

- Three commonly used systems of documentation
 - Author-Page System (MLA)
 - Author-Date System (APA)
 - Author Number System (CSE)
 - MLA--used in English and the humanities
 - APA—used in psychology and the social sciences
 - CSE--used in biology and other sciences

- Use the author's last name followed by the page number referenced in the work.
 - (Kurasawa 323).
- If the author's name is mentioned in the narrative
 - Kurasawa (323) found that
- If citing more than one work by the same author
 - (Dickens, A Christmas Carol 15)

- Group or corporate authors
 - (Modern Language Association 115)
 (MLA 115)
- Unknown Author
 - ("Recent Innovations" 231)

- Two or three authors
 - (AuthorA, AuthorB, and AuthorC 323)
- More than three authors
 - (Bia, Pedreno, Small, Finch, Patterson 161)
 - (Bia et al. 161)
- If the Works Cited list contains two or more authors with the same surname
 - (A. DeCarrera 213)

- If the initial is also the same, use the whole first name.
 - (Annette DeCarrera 213)
 - If the reference is to an exact quotation
 - It may be true that "the attitude of the observer is of primary importance" (Robertson 136).

- For exact quotations from sources without page numbers
 - (Smith para 17)
 - As Smith points out . . .
 - In a May 1800 letter to Watt, Creighton wrote, "The excellent Satanism reflects immortal honour on the Club" (qtd. in Hunt and Jacob 493).

Works cited list

Hunt, Lynn, and Margaret Jacob. "The Affective Revolution in 1790s Britain." *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 34.4 (2001): 491-521.

- Web page
- Abraham Lincoln's birthplace was designated as a National Historical Site in 1959 (National Park Service).

General rules

- Alphabetize your Works Cited page by author's last name, or, if the author's name is not given, by the first word of the title.
- Italicize titles of books, magazines, scholarly journals, and web sites.
- Enclose titles of articles, essays, poems, and short stories in quotation marks.

- When certain information, such as an author, is missing, skip it and go on to the next part.
- Single space after all punctuation.
- Use a shortened form of the publisher's name
- Indent five spaces or one-half inch after the first line of each entry.
- Use double line spacing throughout.

- Use 1" margins on all sides. Double space throughout. (only for articles)
- For pages that are not consecutive, such as newspapers, use a plus sign: "192+."

- If some information is missing, indicate with
 - n. pag. (no pagination), n.p. (no publisher), n.d. (no date).
- Note the medium of publication:
 - Print, Web, Video, Personal interview, CD, Television, etc.

Citing Electronic Sources

The electronic citation must include as much detailed information as possible

Citing Electronic Sources

- Title of the online document and/or the title of the site on which the document appears. If the title is not obvious, try viewing the source code and looking for the <title> tag; or if the document has a subject line and no title, use the subject line.
- Author, editor (maintainer), translator, or sponsoring organization;
- Number of pages, sections, or any other apparent organizational unit;
- Date, if provided (often "last date changes")—include the month, day, and year;
- Date you accessed the information included in parentheses at the end of the citation (13 Jan. 2000);
- URL (uniform resource locator) DOI (Digital Object Identifier) or other identifier

Citing Electronic Sources

- In addition, if available, you should also include
 - Information on purchasing a print version;
 - Version, volume, or issue number;
 - Name of the online service if the document is accessible only through that service.

- Name of the author, compiler, director, editor, narrator, performer or translator of the work
- Title of the work (italicized if the work is independent; in roman type and quotation marks if the work is part of a larger work)
- Title of the overall Web site (italicized) if distinct from item 2
- Version or edition used
- Publisher or sponsor of the site; if not available, use N.p.
- Date of publication (day, month, and year, as avilanle) if nothing is available, use n.d.
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 College-Kingwood Library, 2003. Web.
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 Dept. of English, U of Pennsylvania, n.d.
 Web. 16 Sept. 2007.

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APA Style (Author-Date Method)

- Popularly used in the fields of social sciences
 - (Anthropology, Economics, Physical Education, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology)
 - Biological and earth sciences
 (Agriculture, Archaeology, Astronomy, Botany, Geology, and Zoology)
 - Education, Linguistics, and Business