

Documenting Research Sources (MLA 8)

1. A Works Cited Page:

A bibliography is a list of all the research sources you read in the research process. A Works Cited page is a list of *only* the resources you quoted, paraphrased, or summarized and presented in your report.

The Works Cited page is the last page of your essay and should follow this format:

- Center the title: Works Cited.
- Double space the entire page (go to Page Layout and change spacing before and after paragraphs to 0).
- Indent the second line of each entry five spaces (use a hanging indent).
- Alphabetize your citations by the first letter of each entry (except “the,” “an,” or “a”). Alphabetize numerals as though the numerals are written out (e.g., “20 Methods” is alphabetized as “T”).
- Use the correct format for each type of listing (see below)

2. Works Cited Page: The basic MLA8 formatting for an Internet citation is:

Author’s Last Name, First. “Title of Page.” *Name of Web Site*, Publisher, date, URL.

3. In-text Documentation: Formatting Sources

In your essay, when you summarize, paraphrase, or quote from a source, **introduce** your source to SIGNAL you are using a source and to establish the source’s credibility.

If your introduction of the source does not include the **FIRST WORD** of the works cited page entry, follow your use of the source with the first word(s) in parentheses. This tells your reader where to look on the alphabetized list on your works cited page:

Works Cited

“Stem Cell Therapy.” *Mayo Clinic Online*, The Mayo Clinic, 3 Mar. 2014,

www.mayoclinic.org/search/search-results?q=stem%20cell%20therapy.

In the essay:

An article by the Mayo Clinic states that new medical technologies surpass stem cell capability (“Stem Cell”). The Mayo Clinic's findings mean that controversy over stem cell use will no longer be an issue.